



Bureau for Children and Families

Public Comments on Proposed Revisions to the Minimum Licensing Requirements for Residential Child Care and Treatment Facilities for Children and Transitioning Adults and Vulnerable and Transitioning Youth Group Homes and Programs in West Virginia (78 CSR 3)

#	Rule Section	By Whom?	Comment Summary	Response to Comment
1	3.1	WVCCA	Remove entire definition for "advisory council" since it is not used in the body of the rule,	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. This term is used throughout the rule.
2	3.18	WVCCA	Change the definition of "consequences." The current definition reads "Outcomes that happen as a result of behaviors that are not planned or controlled. Consequences are relevant to the infraction." Suggested change is to remove "that are not planned or controlled. Consequences are relevant to the infraction."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.
3	3.24	WVCCA	Change the definition of "critical incident" to read "An alleged, suspected, or actual occurrence of abuse and/or neglect as defined by chapter 49 or incidents described in 16.2."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.
4	3.28	WVCCA	Change the definition of "discharge." The current definition reads "The termination of a child's placement or affiliation with an organization. Suggested change is to remove "or affiliation" from the current definition.	Changes were made pursuant to this comment.
5	3.29	WVCCA	Change the definition of "discharge planning" to read "Discharge planning begins upon admission and includes recommendations for needed appropriate follow-up services."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.
6	3.31	WVCCA	Prefers to eliminate the current definition of "documentation." If a definition is necessary, then it should state "Material that provides official information or evidence or services as a record."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.
7	3.45	WVCCA	Change the definition of "intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual disability." The current definition reads "A facility that provides appropriate supervision, medical, and habilitation services for individuals with intellectual or developmental	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The definition is based upon 42 C.F.R. §440.150 which does not use the term "treatment" in the definition.

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			disabilities, or both, as defined in 42 C.F.R. §440.150." Suggested change is to add "/treatment" after "habilitation."	
8	3.49	WVCCA	Change the definition of "multidisciplinary treatment team." The current definition reads "A legally identified team designated to review and approve the child's placement and plan of care as appropriate." Suggested change to "A legally identified team designated to review and approve the child's placement recommendation and DHHR Service plan of care as appropriate."	Changes were made pursuant to this comment.
9	3.50	WVCCA	Remove the definition of "Non-critical incidents" since it is no longer used in the body of the rules.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. This term is used throughout the rule.
10	3.55	WVCCA	Change the definition of "Parents or Guardian." The current definition reads, "A person or persons with an ongoing, legally identified and recognized responsibility for caring for a child." Suggested change to "Guardian – A person or persons, the Department, or the Division of Juvenile Services, who has legal custody of a child, as a result of any contract, agreement, or legal proceedings."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.
11	3.56	WVCCA	Change the definition of "Physical escort" by replacing the word "patient" with "child."	Changes were made pursuant to this comment.
12	3.57	WVCCA	Change the definition of "Placement." The current definition reads, "A change of living arrangement, or the ongoing care of a child in an adoptive or foster home, group facility, or other approved living situation." Suggested change to "Any out of home care living arrangement of a child in an adoptive or foster home, group facility, or other approved living setting."	Changes were made pursuant to this comment.
13	3.67.3	WVCCA	Change the subsection of the definition for "Qualified Residential Treatment Program." The current subsection reads, "Been diagnosed with a significant autism spectrum disorder, reactive attachment disorder, serious intellectual disabilities, sexual offense behavior, sexually reactive disorder, youth who are violent with serious behavioral disorders, and youth with serious self-injurious behaviors that make him or her at a higher risk of out-of-state placements; and" Suggested change to "Been diagnosed with a serious mental health disorder, serious emotional disorder and/or serious behavior disorder/disturbance as defined by WV DHHR Bureau for Children and Families via individual provider contracts and/or requests for applications; and"	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.

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14	3.71	WVCCA	Change the definition of "Residential Child Care and Treatment Facility." The current definition reads, "A congregate program that provides room, board, supervision, and may provide behavioral health treatment to children or transitioning adults with behavioral, developmental or psychiatric, or both, challenges." Suggested change to "A residential program that provides room, board, supervision, and behavioral health treatment to children or transitioning adults with behavioral, developmental or psychiatric, or both, challenges."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.
15	3.76	WVCCA	Change the definition of "Residential living unit" by changing the word "residential" to "designated" in the body of the definition.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term. The term was moved to correctly place it alphabetically in the list of definitions.
16	3.77	WVCCA	Change the definition of "Rules." The current definition reads, "A set of requirements issued by the Secretary describing a standard or a set of standards of care to apply in the oversight of an organization." Suggested change to "A set of requirements issued by the Secretary and approved by the WV State Legislature describing a standard or a set of standards of care to apply in the oversight of an organization."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.
17	3.78	WVCCA	Change the definition of "Safety committee/officer" by removing "on a quarterly basis" from the body of the definition.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.
18	3.79	WVCCA	Change the definition of "Seclusion." The current definition reads, "A behavioral control technique involving locked isolation or the separation of a child in a physical space from which he or she is prevented from leaving. The term does not include a time out." Suggested change to "The involuntary confinement of a child alone in a room or area from which the child is physically prevented from leaving. The term does not include a time out, time away from the group or one on one staffed interventions."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.
19	3.80	WVCCA	Change the definition of "Secretary" by removing "or his or her designee" from the body of the definition.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.
20	3.86	WVCCA	Change the definition of "Time-out" by removing "and is not physically enforced or coerced in any way" from the body of the definition.	Changes were made to clarify this definition.
21	3.91	WVCCA	Change the definition of "Universal precautions" from "A collection of medically related behaviors, procedures, and protocols designed to minimize the risk of disease transmission"	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The proposed edit changes the meaning of the term.

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			and contamination" to "An approach to infection control to treat all human blood and bodily fluids as if they were known to be infectious."	
22	4.5.4	WVCCA	Remove the subsection regarding supply accreditation information within 10 day. 30 – 60 days; not 90.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable.
23	4.5.5	WVCCA	The Secretary shall inspect a licensed organization thirty 30 to ninety 90 days prior to the expiration of its license.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable.
24	5.7.2	WVCCA	Subsection currently reads, "Organizational policy shall clearly state whether the organization conducts, participates in, or permits research involving persons served." Suggested change to "Organizational policy shall clearly state whether the organization conducts, participates in, or permits research involving persons served and have written practices."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. "Written practices" does not cover the regulations contain within 5.7.3.
25	5.7.3	WVCCA	Remove all of 5.7.3 regarding an organization requiring a human subjects committee or board to review proposals or recommendations regarding research.	See Public Comment No. 25.
26	5.7.4	WVCCA	Remove "The organization may not threaten to withdraw services or otherwise coerce persons or their guardians into participating and shall prohibit the use of financial incentives for recruiting research participants"	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable.
27	5.9.4	WVCCA	Remove "When a child's third-party benefits or payments end or when a child reaches his or her majority while in service"	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable.
28	6.1	WVCCA	Remove 6.1.1 – 6.1.4 regarding parameters for continuous quality improvement.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
29	6.2	WVCCA	Remove all of 6.2 regarding an organization to conduct quarterly reviews of the use of modalities or other organizational practices that involve risk or limit freedoms of choice.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
30	6.3	WVCCA	Remove all of 6.3 regarding an organization to conduct quarterly reviews of all open cases.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
31	6.4	WVCCA	Remove all of 6.4 regarding an organization to have a process that establishes standards and measures outcomes relatives to those standards.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
32	6.5.1	WVCCA	Remove "any advisory councils."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.

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33	7.1	WVCCA	Remove all of 7.1 regarding an organization having a governing body that exercises authority and has responsibility for its operation, policies and practices.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
34	7.2	WVCCA	Remove 7.2 regarding the requirements of members of the governing body mentioned in 7.1	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
35	7.3	WVCCA	Remove 7.3 regarding organization having an advisory council to provide feedback to the governing body mentioned in 7.1	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
36	7.4	WVCCA	Remove 7.4 regarding conflicts of interest in the governing body mentioned in 7.1	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
37	7.5	WVCCA	Remove all of 7.5 regarding what members of the governing body mentioned in 7.1 shall be provided.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
38	7.6	WVCCA	Remove all of 7.6 regarding what the duties the governing body mentioned in 7.1 shall complete.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
39	7.7.2	WVCCA	Remove 7.7.2.c – 7.7.2.e regarding the requirement to provide annual reports to the governing body mentioned in 7.1	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
40	7.9	WVCCA	Change the title to “Administrative Policies.” Add “An agency shall develop and maintain written policies including the date of implementation and it will be available to employees.”	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
41	7.9.1	WVCCA	Remove all of 7.9.1 regarding an organization to maintain administrative files readily available upon request	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
42	§78-3-8	WVCCA	Remove “Risk Management.” Section §78-3-8 would begin with “Legal Compliance”	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
43	8.1	WVCCA	Remove 8.1 which requires an organization obtaining the appropriate types of insurance.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
44	8.2	WVCCA	Remove 8.2 requiring a bonded employee to handle funds.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
45	8.3	WVCCA	Remove 8.3 requiring an organization that provides transportation to clients to maintain adequate insurance coverage.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.

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46	8.4	WVCCA	Remove 8.4 requiring insurance policies be at an adequate financial level to cover accidents or suits.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
47	8.6.2	WVCCA	Remove 8.6.2 requiring all records be located at any time.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
48	8.6.3	WVCCA	Section currently reads "The organization shall have procedures to protect service and organizational records, whether in electronic or paper form, from destruction by fire, water, loss or other damage and from other unauthorized access, that include:" Suggested change to read "whether in electronic or paper form, that include:"	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
49	8.6.4	WVCCA	Remove 8.6.4 regarding procedures to govern the retention, maintenance, and destruction of records or former service recipients.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
50	8.6.6	WVCCA	Remove 8.6.6 requiring an organization to have a policy regarding disposal of records.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
51	8.6.8	WVCCA	Remove 8.6.8 regarding electronically transmitted data to comply with all applicable legal standards and requirements.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
52	9.4.1	WVCCA	Remove 9.4.1 requiring an organization to make available an annual report of fiscal, statistical and service data regarding its financial position.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
53	9.4.3	WVCCA	Remove 9.4.3.a – 9.4.3.c regarding protection of child's funds and assets.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
54	10.1.1	WVCCA	Remove 10.1.1.b requiring an organization to possess qualified individuals to provide and coordinate services that are within the organization's scope and mission.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
55	10.1.2	WVCCA	Remove all of 10.1.2 requiring an organization to ensure that all licensed or certified professional clinical employees are available on a consistent basis to provide services.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
56	10.1.3	WVCCA	Remove 10.1.3 requiring an organization to identify an individual at each program site to be responsible for overall administration of the programs at that site.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
57	11.1.1	WVCCA	Add "working" after "first 10" and before "days."	Changes were made pursuant to this comment.

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58	11.1.2	WVCCA	Remove 11.1.2.b and 11.1.2.c regarding an organizational chart and processes of a continuous quality improvement program.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
59	11.2.1.i	WVCCA	Remove the requirement of an organization to inform all employees in writing of its policy on corporal punishment.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
60	11.2.1.j	WVCCA	Remove all of 11.2.1.j. regarding the requirement of an organization to train employees on maintaining a clean environment.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
63	11.3.2	WVCCA	Remove all of 11.3.2 regarding program ratios being adjusted according to the population served.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
64	11.3.3	WVCCA	Remove 11.3.3 requiring an organization to provide sufficient time to hold supervisory conferences and conduct evaluation and training activities.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
65	11.3.4	WVCCA	Remove 11.3.4 regarding the adjustment of supervisory assignments based on findings from the continuous quality improvement processes.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
66	12.1.2	WVCCA	Remove all of 12.1.2 requiring all structures and equipment be maintained and free from danger to health and safety.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
67	12.1.3	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.3 regarding organizations operating in environments that are safe, accessible, and appropriate for the needs of the child.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
68	12.1.4	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.4 requiring an organization to provide adequate housekeeping, laundry and maintenance services.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
69	12.1.6	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.6 requiring all buildings be in compliance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
70	12.1.7	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.7 requiring all residential buildings to conform to the current Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
71	12.1.8	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.8 requiring documentation that all facilities are in full compliance with the State Fire Code.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
72	12.1.9	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.9 requiring all water supply systems be in compliance with applicable Public Health rules.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.

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73	12.1.10	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.10 requiring sanitary and accessible drinking water facilities.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
74	12.1.11	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.11 requiring an approved public sewage system.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
75	12.1.12	WVCCA	Remove all of 12.1.12 regarding adequate heating, illumination and ventilation of rooms.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
76	12.1.13	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.13 regarding appropriate storage areas for items such as food, utensils, cleaning supplies, medicines and toxic materials.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
77	12.1.14	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.14 requiring poisons and other hazardous items be kept in a locked place.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
78	12.1.15	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.15 regarding solid waste storage	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
79	12.1.16	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.16 regarding garbage and rubbish stored outside	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
80	12.1.17	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.17 requiring plumbing meeting requirements of the National Plumbing Code	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
81	12.1.18	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.18 regarding structures being free from insects and rodents.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
82	12.1.19	WVCCA	Remove 12.1.19 requiring a routine maintenance and cleaning program.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
83	12.2	WVCCA	Remove 12.2.1 regarding food being stored, prepared and served in a sanitary manner	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
84	12.3.3	WVCCA	Remove 12.3.3.b – 12.3.3.c requiring zoning, building, occupational safety and health administration codes be maintained in the administrative file.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
85	12.4.1	WVCCA	Section currently reads, "An organization that provides transportation in its vehicles for children as part of a service shall have procedures for ensuring." Suggested change to "An organization that provides transportation in its vehicles for	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.

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			children as part of a service and shall ensure vehicles meet state safety standards and shall have procedures for ensuring:	
86	12.4.1	WVCCA	Remove 12.4.1.a – 12.4.1.c and 12.4.1.h – 12.4.1.j regarding vehicle safety	See Public Comment No. 85.
87	12.4.2	WVCCA	Remove 12.4.2.d – 12.4.2.e regarding annual validation of employee's driver's license, car registration and inspection.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
88	12.5.2	WVCCA	Remove 12.5.2 regarding annual review of fire extinguishers by a qualified professional.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
89	12.5.4	WVCCA	Remove "Lawn mowers shall be stored in areas separated with one-hour fire rated material."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
90	12.9.10	WVCCA	Remove 12.9.10 regarding water temperatures.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
91	12.9.11	WVCCA	Remove "If the organization serves individuals with physical challenges, accessible or adapted equipment shall be provided and there shall be sufficient space in the bathroom to permit employee assistance if necessary."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
92	12.9.16	WVCCA	Section currently reads, "Kitchens used for meal preparation shall be provided with the necessary equipment for the preparation, storage, serving and cleanup of all meals for all the children and employees regularly served by the kitchen. All equipment shall be maintained in working order. Kitchens serving more than eleven children shall meet all applicable provisions of the Department's rule, "Food Establishments", 64CSR17. Kitchens serving less than twelve may use a family-type kitchen provided that:" Suggested change to "Kitchens serving more than eleven children shall meet all applicable provisions of the Department's rule, "Food Establishments", 64CSR17. Kitchens serving less than twelve may use a family-type kitchen"	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
93	12.9.16	WVCCA	Remove 12.9.16.a – 12.9.16.d regarding the safety of food storage and equipment used for food storage.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and provides consistency among the organizations.
94	13.2.2	WVCCA	Remove 13.2.2.a regarding demographic information being included in the comprehensive assessment procedure.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and necessary for the comprehensive assessment procedure.
95	13.2.5	WVCCA	Section currently reads, "The assessment shall result in a written integrated summary of findings and recommendations that shall	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable and

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			guide the organization's treatment efforts. The integrated summary of findings shall include:" Suggested change to "The assessment shall guide the organization's treatment efforts."	provides consistency of the comprehensive assessment procedure.
96	13.2.5	WVCCA	Remove 13.2.5.a – 13.2.5.h. 13.2.5.g and 13.2.5.h are moved to the initial plan of care.	See Public Comment No. 95
97	13.2.6	WVCCA	Remove 13.2.6 regarding assessment timelines because the information is covered in other sections.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is broader than providing timelines.
98	13.2.7	WVCCA	Remove 13.2.7 regarding assessments being accepted from another organization being reviewed sufficiently.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation helps prevent multiple assessments of children. If the previous assessment is not sufficient then the organization is required to conduct additional assessments.
99	13.3.1.b	WVCCA	Remove 13.3.1.b requiring a summary of assessments needed for a full diagnostic in the initial plan of care.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is appropriate in order to develop the master plan of care.
100	13.3.2	WVCCA	Suggests 13.3.2 to read "The initial plan of care shall be developed whenever possible by a team representative of the professionals performing the assessments, the child (if cognitively capable of participating), the guardian, and the parents of the child appropriate. The plan shall include a written description of the services to be provided. The initial plan of care shall be approved in writing by the parent or legal guardian and the individual served, if that individual is considered sufficiently mature to understand the document. The organization shall obtain the guardian's consent for treatment if the guardian is not present for the development of the initial plan of care. If the organization is required to have the DHHR's consent and does not within 10 business days, the organization must document two reasonable efforts to obtain the consent, by including the direct supervisor."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation provides a reasonable process to obtain consent.
101	13.3.4	WVCCA	Remove 13.3.4 because it's covered in 13.3.1	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is not covered specifically in 13.3.1.
102	13.3.4.a	WVCCA	Remove regarding behaviors to be monitored and modified in a therapeutic support plan.	See Public Comment No. 101.
103	13.3.4.b	WVCCA	Remove the inclusion of actions taken by employees if identified behaviors occur in the therapeutic support plan.	See Public Comment No. 101.
104	13.3.4.c	WVCCA	Remove what documentation employees are responsible for supplying from the therapeutic support plan.	See Public Comment No. 101.

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105	13.4.1	WVCCA	Suggests 13.4.1 to read "The plan of care planning and review team shall be an interdisciplinary team consisting of the employees involved in providing services to the child (including at a minimum a licensed or certified master's level professional), the parents, the guardian (if other than parent), and the child him or herself, if the child is of sufficient developmental age to appreciate the content of the review. Unless clinically or legally contraindicated in writing, both parents shall be considered members of the care planning team regardless of the identification of a guardian. The child or guardian may request the presence of any other individuals they feel may add to the process. However, the organization is not responsible for bearing any costs related to the presence of other resources. Teachers or other external providers of service while the child is receiving services from the organization should be invited to team meetings and considered part of the team. The organization is responsible for ensuring that all members of the team receive adequate notification of team meetings and in writing and documented in the case file. The organization shall also document efforts to obtain informed consent for treatment from the parent or legal guardian if the guardian does not attend the team meeting. If the organization is required to have the DHHR's consent and does not within 10 business days, the organization must document all reasonable efforts to obtain the consent, including contacting the appropriate chain of command."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. Documentation of the organization's efforts to ensure these individuals attend the meeting is extremely important.
106	13.4.2.c	WVCCA	Suggests changing "ultimate goal of services" to "permanency plan."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The "ultimate goal of services" is not the same as permanency plan.
107	13.4.2.d	WVCCA	Suggests changing "services" to "interventions."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. Services is broader than interventions and is more appropriate.
108	13.4.2.e.	WVCCA	Suggests adding "or list" after "description"	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. A simple list of interventions is not enough to fulfill this requirement.
109	13.5.1	WVCCA	Suggests 13.5.1 to read "The organization shall have a policy regarding regular review of the plan of care. At no time shall the schedule allow a period of review to extend more than 90 days except as permitted in sections for each provider type."	Changes were made to clarify this regulation.
110	13.5.3	WVCCA	Suggests 13.5.3 to read "The review shall be the result of a conference of all members of the child's care team including the	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable as written.

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			guardian. Participation by team members and guardians may be telephonic, video conferencing, or, when appropriate, submitted in writing and included in the progress summary (e.g., by educational employees). The organization is responsible for ensuring that all members of the team receive adequate notification of team meetings in writing and documents in the case file."	
111	13.5.4	WVCCA	Suggests 13.5.4 to read "Written Changes to the master plan of care shall be the result of recommendations by the interdisciplinary team and approval as indicated by signatures and dates for those in attendance. If the guardian is not in attendance, 2 attempts will be made within 10 business days to obtain this approval.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The guardian needs to approve changes to the master plan of care.
112	13.5.5	WVCCA	Remove all of 13.5.5 regarding reviews by an interdisciplinary team	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. Reviews are important to update the master plan of care. The regulation provides consistency among the organizations.
113	14.2	WVCCA	Remove 14.2.1 and 14.2.2 regarding the involvement of families and guardians in service delivery because it's covered in other sections.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. It is important to highlight the involvement of families in developing, modifying, and reviewing plans of care.
114	14.2.3	WVCCA	Remove 14.2.3.a and 14.2.3.b because they are covered in previous sections	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. It is important to highlight the involvement of families in developing, modifying, and reviewing plans of care.
115	14.5.10.b.	WVCCA	The section was highlighted, but no edits were suggested.	No comment is required.
116	14.7.5	WVCCA	Suggests 14.7.5 to read "The organization shall document two (2) attempts requesting required materials	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. Due to the varying types the materials listed in the regulation, it is not appropriate to limit the attempts to obtain the materials.
117	14.13	WVCCA	Suggest the section title change to Programming Daily Schedules	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. This section refers to the child's daily schedule and it is not limited to the programming.
118	14.13.1	WVCCA	Suggests the section read "The program shall provide each child with opportunities for activities designed to help him or her develop positive personal and interpersonal skills and behaviors by providing activities that are individualized, as needed to meet treatment needs."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The interdisciplinary team is vital to the child's individualized activities.

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119	14.13.1.d	WVCCA	Remove the requirement of daily schedules being available at all times to employees and persons served.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. It is important that the child and the direct care staff have access to the daily schedule.
120	14.20.3	WVCCA	Suggests the section read "The organization shall provide opportunities for involvement of children in cultural or ethnic activities, appropriate to their own cultural or ethnic background."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. It is important that children are involved in cultural or ethnic activities.
121	15.2.9	WVCCA	Suggests the section read "Properly trained employees should have the authority to continue or stop a specific behavioral intervention based on health issues.	Changes were made pursuant to the comment.
122	15.4.3	WVCCA	Remove all of 15.4.3 regarding physical restraints	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. It is important to list when physical restraint may not be used.
123	15.4.5	WVCCA	Suggests section be removed because it can go against the crisis intervention treatment model guidelines and protocols.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The Department disagrees that it goes against crisis intervention treatment model guidelines and protocols.
124	16.1.7.f	WVCCA	Remove 16.1.7.f regarding taking appropriate actions with an employee indicated by the circumstances of an investigation.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable in that it allows other appropriate actions that may be warranted by the circumstances.
125	16.2.1.m (WVCCA	Suggests section read "Any other incident determined by the organization/program to be a critical incident."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable because it allows other individuals to identify incidents as critical.
126	16.2.3	WVCCA	Suggests section read "All critical incidents shall be reviewed by the organization and appropriate action taken as necessary."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation provides consistency among the organizations so that all organizations handle critical incidents in the same way.
127	16.2.4	WVCCA	Remove 16.2.4 regarding an organization to investigate incidents that may not be critical in nature.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation provides consistency among the organizations so that all organizations handle critical incidents in the same way.
128	16.2.5	WVCCA	Remove 16.2.5 requiring an organization to refer to their quality assurance team if a pattern of non-critical incidents are identified.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation provides consistency among the organizations so that all organizations handle critical incidents in the same way.
129	16.2.6.	WVCCA	Remove 16.2.6 requiring an organization to maintain a central administrative file of all incident reports and any ensuing investigations.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. It is important to maintain all incident reports and any ensuing investigations.

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130	16.2.7	WVCCA	Remove 16.2.7 regarding the prompt completion and reporting of incidents.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation provides consistency among the organizations so that all organizations handle critical incidents in the same way.
131	16.2.8	WVCCA	Remove 16.2.8 requiring a review of all incidents every 90 days.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation provides consistency among the organizations so that all organizations handle critical incidents in the same way.
132	16.4	WVCCA	Section currently reads, "All children's deaths shall be reported to law enforcement, the Institutional Investigative Unit through DHHR Centralized Intake and the licensing specialist, the child's DHHR caseworker, the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification, the coroner of the county in which the organization is located, and the DHHR will notify other state or federal agencies as required by law within twenty-four 24 hours." Suggested change to "All children's deaths shall be reported to law enforcement, the Institutional Investigative Unit through DHHR Centralized Intake and the licensing specialist, the child's DHHR caseworker, and the DHHR will notify other state or federal agencies as required by law within 24 hours."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable.
133	17.1.2	WVCCA	Remove all of 17.1.2 requiring a policy regarding supervision of children.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation requires that group residential programs ensure adequate supervision ratio depending on the behaviors of the children in their care.
134	17.2.2	WVCCA	Remove 17.2.2 regarding the requirement of residential living units consisting of no more than 12 children.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation is reasonable because a limit needs to be in place.
135	17.2.3	WVCCA	Remove 17.2.3 requiring clearly identifiable schedules and activities for children.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. It is important for children to know their individualized daily schedule.
136	17.2.4	WVCCA	Remove 17.2.4 regarding sufficient and appropriate employees to address the needs of the persons served.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The regulation requires that group residential programs ensure adequate supervision ratio depending on the behaviors of the children in their care.
137	17.2.5	WVCCA	Suggests section read, "The residential program that permits pets shall have a documented veterinary evaluation and vaccinations as recommended by the veterinarian in writing."	Changes were made pursuant to the comment.
138	17.2.6.b	WVCCA	Remove all of 17.2.6.b regarding basic daily routines	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. It is important to have a schedule that the children participate in creating.

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139	17.2.6.c	WVCCA	Remove 17.2.6.c regarding the encouragement and arrangements for children to participate in school and recreational functions.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. This regulation is important so that the organization is encouraging children to be in the community or school functions or recreational activities.
140	18.1.9.c	WVCCA	Remove 18.1.9.c because it's covered in section 14 daily schedules language.	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. This regulation is important so that the organization is encouraging children to be in social, recreational, and educational activities.
141	18.1.10	WVCCA	Suggests section read, "Shelters are exempt from subsection 14.10. (educational services) of this rule for stays of 30 days or less. Shelters shall."	Changes were made to clarify this regulation.
142	19.1.4.a	WVCCA	Suggests section read, "A minimum of employee to child ratio of 1:6 shall be maintained during waking hours when children are on the grounds with a minimum of one employee present per residential living unit at all times children in the living unit."	Changes were made pursuant to this comment.
143	22.2.2	WVCCA	Remove 22.2.2 because it is regulated by BMS. The above criteria does not match what is currently outlined for this service: -Staff possessing a High School Diploma/Equivalent Initial certification training overseen by a licensed master's level clinician (some training such as away from supervised, TCI are certification specific and do not require the licensed master's level clinician to actually instruct). This shall include pre-test and post-test with vignettes. If pre-test is not successful, the staff must go through the training process until successful which will allow them to proceed into the 90-day training certification process. Upon successful completion of pre-test, weekly observation by a trained degreed supervisor shall occur during the 90 days with documentation provided to the master's level clinician including additional follow up and guidance through clinical supervision. Upon the completion of the 90-day training process a post-test shall occur using vignettes and an event of direct observation by the master's level clinician to be certified for Supportive Individual/Group Counseling. A Supportive Counselor candidate unable to pass the post-test and/or not meeting the training supervisor's expectations will retrain in the areas of deficiency during an additional 30-day period. If they still can not pass the post-test or meet the training supervisor's expectation during this extended 30-day period they would have to repeat the entire certification process at a juncture when they are deemed competent and ready to repeat the	Changes were made pursuant to this comment.

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			<p>certification process before they could be certified as a Supportive Counselor.</p> <p>-Staff possessing a bachelor's Degree in any field from an accredited higher education institution</p> <p>During orientation, these staff shall receive the standardized Supportive Counseling training curriculum by the master's level clinician and must test out successfully at the end of orientation using vignettes to be certified to provide Supportive Individual/Group Counseling. Certification shall be maintained through the clinical supervision process.</p> <p>A Supportive Counselor candidate unable to pass the post-test and/or not meeting the training supervisor's expectations will retrain in the areas of deficiency during an additional 30-day period. If they still cannot pass the post-test or meet the training supervisor's expectation during this extended 30-day period they would have to repeat the entire certification process at a juncture when they are deemed competent and ready to repeat the certification process before they could be certified as a Supportive Counselor.</p>	
144	25.1.3.a	WVCCA	Suggests the ratio change from 1:10 to 1:6 during waking hours and remove "with a minimum of one employee present per residential living unit at all times."	The Department has reviewed this comment and no changes were made in response. The ratio is reasonable in light of programming at therapeutic residential schools.

TITLE 78
LEGISLATIVE RULE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

SERIES 3

MINIMUM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE AND TREATMENT FACILITIES
FOR CHILDREN AND TRANSITIONING ADULTS AND VULNERABLE AND TRANSITIONING YOUTH GROUP
HOMES AND PROGRAMS IN WEST VIRGINIA

§78-3-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes standards and procedures for the licensure of residential child-care and treatment facilities and vulnerable and transitioning youth group homes and programs under the provisions of W. Va. Code §49-2-101 *et seq.*, §27-17-1 *et seq.*, and related federal and state codes except as set forth in subsection 2.3. of this rule (relating to exemptions). The West Virginia Code is available in public libraries and on the Legislature's web page, <http://wvlegislature.gov/>. This rule should be read in conjunction with the provisions of W. Va. Code §49-2-101 *et seq.*, §27-9-1, and §27-17-1 *et seq.*

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §49-2-121, §27-17-3, §27-1A-4(g), §27-1A-6(6) and §27-1A-7.

1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~May 4, 2020~~

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~June 4, 2020~~

1.5. Sunset Provision. -- This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect as of ~~June 4, 2025~~.

1.6. Review and Revision -- This legislative rule will be reviewed at a minimum of every five years for content and applicability, with revisions and additions made as needed.

1.7. The organizations covered in this rule are exempt from the requirements for "Licensure of Behavioral Health Centers," 64CSR11, effective July 1, 2000. Organizations within this rule (excluding ICF-ID and PRTF) are exempt from the requirements for "Licensure of Behavioral Health Centers," 64CSR11, effective July 1, 2000.

1.8. Purpose -- These standards are the basis for the licensing and approval of residential child-care and treatment facilities in West Virginia. Licenses or certificates of approval are issued if the standards and applicable rules and regulations are met. The purpose is to protect the health, safety and well-being of children receiving care in residential facilities and to regulate the provision of out of home behavioral health treatment for children with behavioral, emotional or developmental, or both, challenges, placed in congregate treatment settings, through the formulation, application and enforcement of minimum licensing requirements. Nothing in these standards are intended to interfere with any requirements relating to funding streams.

§78-3-2. Application and Enforcement.

2.1. The core requirements, section 1 through ~~subdivision~~ subsection 16.4.a, apply to all residential child care settings and congregate treatment settings, both public and private, that offer residential services to children and transitioning adults who have been separated from their family for the purpose of care or behavioral health treatment, or both, except where otherwise indicated within this rule. Organizations classified as providing foster family care by the Department of Health and Human Resources are exempt from this rule and are governed by the Department's rule "Child Placing Agencies Licensure", 78CSR2, effective July 1, 2007. Each organization included in this rule shall comply with core requirements in addition to specialized modules as applicable to program provision.

2.1.1. This rule contains the minimum requirements to obtain a license or certificate of approval to provide residential child-care and treatment for children in West Virginia.

2.1.2. This rule applies equally to for- profit, not-for- profit, publicly-funded and privately-funded facilities.

2.1.3. This rule applies to the following congregate living facilities serving children and transitioning adults:

- 2.1.3.a. Psychiatric residential treatment facilities for persons less than 21 years of age;
- 2.1.3.b. Residential crisis support or emergency shelter care for vulnerable children;
- 2.1.3.c. Residential maternity and parenting facilities;
- 2.1.3.d. High quality group residential child-care settings for vulnerable children;
- 2.1.3.e. Qualified residential treatment programs;
- 2.1.3.f. Outdoor therapeutic educational programs;
- 2.1.3.g. Intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation; ~~and,~~
- 2.1.3.h. Therapeutic residential schools; and
- 2.1.3.i. Vulnerable and transitioning youth group homes and programs.

2.2. Enforcement

This rule is enforced by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources.

2.3. Exemptions

This rule does not apply to the following:

2.3.1. A program exempted by the state or federal statute;

2.3.2. A program providing solely academic services accredited or operated by the state Department of Education;

2.3.3. Seasonal camps operated for children with a primary purpose of recreation, in which children are attending sessions for periods not exceeding ~~thirty~~ 30 days;

2.3.4. Juvenile detention centers or juvenile correction facilities operated or contracted through the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety;

2.3.5. Adoption and foster family care facilities recognized as such by the Department of Health and Human Resources; and

2.3.6. Hospitals or other medical facilities that are primarily used for temporary residential care of children for treatment, convalescence or testing.

§78-3-3. Definitions.

3.1. Administrator -- The designated person responsible for carrying out the governing body's policies and ~~the day-to-day operation of the organization overseeing the daily operations of the facility.~~

~~3.1. 3.2. Advisory Council -- An association of persons that makes recommendations regarding the policies and procedures of an organization to the governing body of that organization but having no proprietary interest in the organization or actual management or administrative authority. (not used in the reg body.)~~

~~3.3. Advocate -- A person or organization acting in the best interest of the child to establish, expand, protect, and enforce the child's human, legal, and civil rights.~~

~~3.4. 3.3. Aftercare -- Services to be provided subsequent to a child's discharge from placement as identified in the discharge plan.~~

~~3.5. Appropriate State or Governmental Authority -- A state or local governmental agency that has responsibility for or authority over an aspect of the operation of an organization.~~

~~3.6. 3.4. Adult Protective Services/Child Protective Services (APS/CPS) Background Check -- an authorized disclosure of an individual's history with the Department as an identified adult or child abuse maltreater.~~

~~3.7. 3.5. Aversive Conditioning -- The application of startling, painful, or noxious stimuli for the purpose of behavior management.~~

~~3.8. 3.6. Aversive Procedures -- Restrictive procedures that impose undesirable consequences for inappropriate behaviors.~~

~~3.9. 3.7. Behavior Support Plan. -- A written plan designed to teach adaptive behaviors and reduce or eliminate maladaptive behaviors.~~

~~3.10 3.8. Behavioral Health Services and Treatment -- Services designed to improve the adaptive functioning (including but not limited to emotional, behavioral, interpersonal, and age-appropriate independent functioning) of children with mental illness; developmental disabilities; behavioral challenges; traumatic brain injuries expressed as emotional or behavioral difficulties; or substance abuse.~~

~~3-11~~ 3.9. Care Plan/Master Plan of Care -- A document describing the services to be provided to a child while in residential care and treatment. ~~The plan of care shall describe the purpose and objectives of each service provided and shall address the needs of the child and family, as appropriate and as identified in the initial assessment and subsequent assessments. Synonymous with treatment plan. This plan may also be referred to as a treatment plan.~~

~~3-12~~ 3.10. Case Record/Clinical Record -- A comprehensive collection of information about a child in the care of an organization providing residential treatment. ~~A unified description and documentation of the evaluation, present and prospective services and treatment provided for the child while in the care of the organization.~~

~~3-13~~ 3.11. Case Record Review -- The review of case records for accuracy, consistency, quality, and compliance by an individual or group of individuals.

~~3-14~~ 3.12. Child -- Any person less than 18 years of age or who is a transitioning adult as defined in subsection ~~3-104~~ 3.88 of this rule.

~~3-15~~ 3.13. Child Abuse -- ~~The threat to a child's health or welfare by a person who knowingly or intentionally inflicts, attempts to inflict or knowingly allows another person to inflict physical injury or mental or emotional injury upon the child; or sexual abuse or sexual exploitation. Any act or omission that creates an abused child as the term is defined in W. Va. Code §49-1-201.~~

~~3-16~~ 3.14. Child Neglect -- ~~The failure to provide adequate nutrition, clothing, shelter, supervision, medical care, or education; or abandonment. Any act or omission that creates a neglected child as the term is defined in W. Va. Code §49-1-201.~~

~~3-17~~ 3.15. Child's Case Plan -- A comprehensive document prepared by the Department following an adjudication by the court that the child is an abused or neglected, or both, child, that directs the provision of services, including the services provided to the child and the provision of a permanent placement for the child.

~~3-18~~ 3.16. Child-Specific Training -- Training provided to respond to the specialized individualized needs of a particular child.

~~3-19~~ 3.17. Civil Rights -- The rights of personal liberty guaranteed by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of West Virginia, by federal, and state laws.

~~3-20~~ 3.18. Consequences -- Outcomes that happen as a result of behaviors ~~that are not planned or controlled. Consequences are relevant to the infraction.~~

~~3-21~~ 3.19. Continuous Quality Improvement -- A well-defined process for assessing and improving the overall performance of the organization by identifying standards that will promote quality outcomes for persons served and modifying the organization's practices and services to meet those outcomes.

~~3-22~~ 3.20. Corporal Punishment -- ~~The intentional inflicting of pain or discomfort to the body~~ Punishment intended to cause physical pain to a child.

~~3-23~~ 3.21. Corrective Action Plan -- A written agreement between the Department and an organization, ~~approved prior to implementation,~~ that outlines the steps an organization shall take to

correct areas of non-compliances identified by the Department through an inspection or the investigation of a complaint.

~~3-24.~~ 3.22. Criminal History Background Check -- A review of information pursuant to the provisions of the West Virginia Clearance for Access: Registry and Employment Screening Act (WV CARES), W. Va. Code §16-49-1 *et seq.*, and 69 CSR 10, and an examination of protective service records to determine eligibility for employment or participation under this rule.

~~3-25.~~ 3.23. Crisis Intervention Skills and Techniques -- Methods used to de-escalate situations that could result in harm to persons or property.

~~3-26.~~ 3.24. Critical Incident -- ~~The An~~ alleged, suspected, or actual occurrence of abuse and/or neglect as defined by chapter 49 or incidents described in 16.2. ~~that creates a significant risk of substantial or serious harm to the physical or mental health safety or well-being of a child in residential treatment, including but not limited to any of the following involving a child in residential treatment: abuse, neglect, death due to any cause, attempted suicide, behavior that will likely lead to serious injury or significant property damage, fire resulting in injury, relocation or an interruption of services, any major involvement with law enforcement authorities, injury that requires hospitalization or results in permanent physical damage, life-threatening reaction because of a drug or food, a serious consequence resulting from an apparent error in medication or dietary administration, extended and unauthorized absence of a child that exceeds his or her plan of care provision for community access, or the unplanned removal of a child, against his or her wishes, from either residential or program services.~~

~~3-27.~~ 3.25. Department -- The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

~~3-28.~~ 3.26. Detoxification -- The process of eliminating the toxic effects of drugs and alcohol from the body.

~~3-29.~~ 3.27. Direct Service Worker -- Any employee of an organization who works directly with children as a major function of his or her job.

~~3-30.~~ 3.28. Discharge -- The termination of a child's placement or affiliation with an organization.

~~3-31.~~ 3.29. Discharge Planning -- ~~The organized process of identifying the approximate length of stay and the criteria for exit of a child from the current service, and less restrictive alternatives for a later date.~~ Discharge planning begins upon admission and includes recommendations ~~provision~~ for needed appropriate follow-up services.

~~3-32.~~ 3.30. Discipline -- ~~A system of rules governing conduct in an organization which usually prescribes consequences for the violation of particular rules. Corrective action to discourage rule violation or undesirable behavior.~~

~~3-33.~~ 3.31. Documentation -- ~~A record in compliance with this rule.~~ (prefer elimination but if must keep then the definition is as follows -- "Material that provides official information or evidence or services as a record")

~~3-34.~~ 3.32. Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), also known as "HealthCheck" -- The child health component of the Medicaid program that establishes standards of medical care for children.

~~3.35. Family -- A group of one or more adults and one or more children. The adults shall have a long-term commitment to caring for and rearing children.~~

~~3.36.~~ 3.33. Family and Permanency Team -- A team required for children placed in qualified residential treatment programs designated to review and approve the child's placement and plan of care, as appropriate, that includes members of the family's choice.

~~3.37.~~ 3.34. Goal -- An expected result or condition that takes time to achieve, is specified in a statement of relatively broad scope, and provides guidance in establishing intermediate objectives directed toward its attainment.

~~3.38.~~ 3.35. Governing Body -- A person or persons with the administrative control and legal authority to set policy and oversee operations of an organization.

~~3.39.~~ 3.36. Group Residential Child Care and Treatment -- A ~~congregate residential~~ program that provides room, board, supervision and behavioral health treatment to children or transitioning adults with behavioral, developmental or psychiatric, or both, challenges that includes all sub-types of care addressed in this rule.

~~3.40.~~ 3.37. Health Screen -- A physical examination that is administered by a Qualified Health Practitioner (i.e., Medical or osteopathic physician; registered nurse; physician's assistant) that occurs within 72 hours of placement into a new milieu.

~~3.41.~~ 3.38. High-Quality Group Residential Child Care Treatment for Vulnerable Children -- Provision of supervision, room, board and psychosocial or rehabilitative treatment for vulnerable children and youth who are in need of out-of-home care and may be considered emotionally, developmentally and or behaviorally challenging. These programs will be operated with a trauma-informed structure throughout the organization.

~~3.42.~~ 3.39. Human Resources -- All persons providing services within an organization including all employees, volunteers, student interns and consulting professionals.

~~3.43.~~ 3.40. Incident -- An act or series of acts ~~that violates reasonable expectations for behavior and has the potential to~~ or behaviors that place a child or others at risk.

~~3.44.~~ 3.41. Independent Contractor -- Individuals who perform paid services for youth and are not employed by the residential facility. This individual performs services as specified in a contract or formal agreement as needed or required.

~~3.45. Individualized Education Program -- An individualized education program required by Federal and State law for educationally handicapped children; the plan for such a program.~~

~~3.46.~~ 3.42. Informed Consent -- Written verification that a child and his or her parent or guardian have been informed of the nature of the treatment provided to the child and that they agree to the proposed treatment.

~~3.47.~~ 3.43. Institutional Investigative Unit -- A unit of the Department authorized by the Secretary to investigate complaints of child abuse or neglect.

~~3-48.~~ 3.44. Interdisciplinary Team -- A group including a child, ~~legal representatives, and~~ representatives from the organization, ~~parent or guardian, and guardian ad litem or attorney representing the child,~~ whose responsibility is to design and review a child's plan of care.

~~3-49.~~ 3.45. Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Intellectual Disability -- A facility that provides appropriate supervision, medical, and habilitation/~~treatment~~ services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or both, as defined in 42 C.F.R. §440.150.

~~3-50.~~ 3.46. Intervention -- ~~The actions~~ Actions of the health care/~~organizational employees~~ designed to ~~help assist the child complete in completing~~ the objectives contained within his or her care plan.

~~3-51.~~ Life Skills -- ~~Tasks, abilities, or knowledge required to perform the activities of daily living.~~

~~3-52.~~ 3.47. Maternity and Parenting Facility -- Provision of supervision, room, board, and psychosocial or ~~habilitative treatment~~ care for young women who are pregnant or parenting.

~~3-53.~~ 3.48. Medication Error -- The failure to administer a drug in a manner as instructed or indicated in the Six Rights of Medication Administration as defined in subsection ~~3-98~~ 3.83 of this rule.

~~3-54.~~ 3.49. Multidisciplinary Treatment Team -- A legally identified team designated to review and approve the child's placement recommendation and OHHR Service plan of care as appropriate.

~~3-40.~~ ~~3-55.~~ 3.50. Non-critical Incidents -- Events occurring to a child that need to be recorded and briefly investigated or reviewed by the organizations and tracked for risk management or quality improvement purposes. These incidents would not include behaviors for which there is a behavior support plan and data tracking mechanism in place. ~~{this is no longer used in the body of the rules as this section is removed}~~

~~3-56.~~ 3.51. Normalcy. -- A practice of allowing children and youth in out-of-home care to experience childhood and adolescence in ways similar to their peers who are not in child residential child care and treatment facilities.

~~3-57.~~ 3.52. Objective -- Desired measurable outcomes related to a goal stated in terms understandable to the child and his or her parent or guardian and agreed upon by the interdisciplinary team.

~~3-58.~~ 3.53. On-ground Educational Program -- An educational program conducted on the property of an organization.

~~3-59.~~ Organization -- ~~A facility or other entity that provides residential services on a twenty-four hour per day basis and may provide a therapeutic treatment program for children or transitioning adults.~~

~~3-60.~~ 3.54. Outdoor Therapeutic Educational Program -- Any entity that provides care, supervision and treatment for older children and transitioning youth and adults in an outdoor setting where routine and specially planned activities are provided in an outdoor milieu and designed to improve the child's social, emotional, behavioral and educational functioning.

~~3.61. 3.55. Parents or Guardian~~ A person or persons with an ongoing, legally identified and recognized responsibility for caring for a child. ~~Guardian.~~ -- A person or persons, the Department, or the Division of Juvenile Services, who has legal custody of a child, as a result of any contract, agreement, or legal proceedings.

~~3.62. 3.56.~~ Physical Escort -- Using a light grasp to escort a child to a desired location. If the youth can easily remove or escape the grasp, it is not a physical restraint. If the ~~patient~~ child cannot easily remove or escape the grasp, it would be a physical restraint.

~~3.63. 3.57.~~ Placement --~~Any out of home care~~ A change of living arrangement, or the ongoing care of a child in an adoptive or foster home, group facility, or other approved living ~~situation~~ setting.

~~3.64. 3.58.~~ Placement Agreement -- A written document signed by the child's parent or guardian and a representative of the organization, that specifies the terms of the child's placement.

~~3.65. Placing Agency~~ An organization either publicly or privately operated, legally authorized to place a child or transitioning adult in the care of an organization.

~~3.66. 3.59.~~ Policy -- A statement of the principles that guide and govern the activities, procedures, and operations of a program.

~~3.67. Principles of Normalization~~ The action of making available to all people with disabilities patterns and conditions of living that are as close as possible to the regular circumstances of society.

~~3.68. 3.60.~~ Procedures -- The specific methods by which policies are implemented.

~~3.69. 3.61.~~ Professional Employees -- Individuals who meet the criteria set forth by the licensing boards governing their specific scope of practice as found in Chapter 30 of the West Virginia Code.

~~3.70. 3.62.~~ Program -- A system of services provided to those persons who are clients of an organization.

~~3.71. Protective Device~~ Any appliance, such as a brace, pad, helmet, covering, or bandage, that is used to aid in the healing of an injury or to prevent injury to the child.

~~3.72. Protective Services Check~~ A review of Adult and Child Protective Services records maintained by the Department of Health and Human Resource to determine whether a person has a documented history of abusing or neglecting vulnerable adults or children.

~~3.73. Punishment~~ The infliction of a negative penalty for wrongdoing, which may decrease the future rate or probability, or both, of the behavior.

~~3.74. 3.63.~~ Psychiatric Emergency -- An incident during which a child loses control and behaves in a manner that poses substantial likelihood of physical harm to himself or herself, or to others.

~~3.75. 3.64.~~ Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for Persons under 21 -- A free-standing program or physically distinct part of a psychiatric inpatient facility that provides intensive, coordinated, and medically supervised behavioral health services in a residential setting to children and adolescents that do not need acute care as defined in 42 C.F.R. §483.350 and §441.151.

~~3.76.~~ 3.65. Psychotropic Medication -- ~~Drugs designed to affect the mind, mood, behavior, or other mental processes. Any drug that affects brain activities associated with mental processes and behaviors.~~

~~3.77. Public Funds -- Money provided to an organization by any governmental body.~~

~~3.78.~~ 3.66. Qualified Individual -- A trained professional or licensed clinician who is not an employee of the organization, and who is not connected to, or affiliated with, any placement setting in which children are placed by the organization, who conducts a 30-day assessment of the appropriateness of the qualified residential treatment program for children entering those programs.

~~3.79.~~ 3.67. Qualified Residential Treatment Program -- Provision of supervision, room, board, high-level psychosocial or habilitative treatment operated with a trauma-informed treatment model for children with serious emotional or behavioral disorders, or both, or disturbances who have:

~~3.79.1.~~ 3.67.1. Been unable to be maintained in their families with preventative services; and

~~3.79.2.~~ 3.67.2. Demonstrated an inability to function in foster homes or less restrictive forms of group residential child care due to significant lack of behavioral control; and

~~3.79.3.~~ 3.67.3. Been diagnosed with a serious mental health disorder, serious emotional disorder and/or serious behavioral disorder/ disturbance as defined by WV DHHR Bureau for Children and Families via individual provider contracts and/or requests for applications. ~~significant autism spectrum disorder, reactive attachment disorder, serious intellectual disabilities, sexual offense behavior, sexually reactive disorder, youth who are violent with serious behavioral disorders, and youth with serious self-injurious behaviors that make him or her at a higher risk of out of state placements; and~~

~~3.79.4.~~ 3.67.4. Been assessed to need the structure and mental health expertise provided by the services in a qualified residential treatment program.

~~3.80. Quality Committee/Officer -- An individual or group of individuals whose responsibility is to develop and implement quality control processes that monitor programmatic and clinical efforts of the organization and identifies methods to improve services and resolve problems.~~

~~3.81.~~ 3.68. Reasonable and prudent parent standard. -- The practical decision making of caregivers to allow children and youth in residential child care and treatment facilities to participate in health and developmentally appropriate activities.

~~3.82.~~ 3.69. Regulatory Body -- A governmental agency with the ongoing responsibility for the formal authorization and oversight of the operation of an organization.

~~3.83.~~ 3.70. Requirement -- The specific minimal condition or standard that shall be met by an organization as a condition of licensure or approval, or both, to operate.

~~3.84.~~ 3.71. Residential Child Care and Treatment Facility -- A ~~congregate residential~~ program that provides room, board, supervision, and ~~may provide~~ behavioral health treatment to children or transitioning adults with behavioral, developmental or psychiatric, or both, challenges.

~~3.85.~~ 3.72. Residential Crisis Support/Shelter Care -- A form of short-term residential care for children that temporarily provides food, shelter, clothing and other necessary crisis intervention and stabilization services for children experiencing emotional, familial or behavioral crises.

~~3.86.~~ 3.73. Residential Maternity and Parenting Facilities. -- Provision of supervision, room, board and psychosocial or habilitative treatment services to young women who are either pregnant or parenting, young men who are parenting, and their children.

~~3.87.~~ 3.74. Respite Care -- Alternative short-term care.

~~3.88.~~ 3.75. Restraints -- (1) Any physical restraint that is a mechanical or personal restriction that immobilizes or reduces the ability of an individual to move his or her arms, legs or head freely, not including devices, such as orthopedically prescribed devices, surgical dressings or bandages, protective helmets, or any other method that involves the physical holding of a child for the purpose of conducting routine physical examinations or tests or to protect the child from falling out of bed or to permit the child to participate in activities without the risk of physical harm to the child. This term does not include a physical escort; and (2) a drug or medication that is used as a restraint to control behavior or restrict the child's freedom of movement that is not a standard treatment for the child's medical or psychiatric condition.

~~3.89.~~ ~~Responsible Agency~~ -- ~~An agency with continuing overall responsibility for the child during placement.~~

~~3.90.~~ 3.76. Residential Living Unit -- Living quarters used by a particular group of children in care, consisting of separate units in a ~~residential~~ designated building, including a common room, dining or snack area, facilities for bathing, toileting and personal hygiene and bedrooms.

~~3.91.~~ 3.77. Rules -- A set of requirements issued by the Secretary and approved by the WV State Legislature describing a standard or a set of standards of care to apply in the oversight of an organization.

~~3.92.~~ 3.78. Safety Committee/Officer -- An individual or group of individuals whose responsibility is to review service modalities or other organizational practices that limit freedom of choice or involve risk. The committee/officer shall review the organization's facilities and buildings ~~on a quarterly basis~~ for safety, cleanliness and proper maintenance.

~~3.93.~~ 3.79. Seclusion -- ~~A behavioral control technique involving locked isolation or the separation of a child in a physical space from which he or she is prevented from leaving. The involuntary confinement of a child alone in a room or area from which the child is physically prevented from leaving. The term does not include a time out, time away from the group or one on one staffed interventions.~~

~~3.94.~~ 3.80. Secretary -- The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources ~~or his or her designee.~~

~~3.95.~~ ~~Secure Care~~ -- ~~A form of residential treatment that employs, on a regular basis, locked doors or any other physical means to prevent children in care from leaving the facility.~~

~~3.96.~~ 3.81. Self-disclosure Application and Consent Form -- A signed declaration of criminal convictions, indictments, and authorization to allow a criminal history background check.

~~3.97.~~ 3.82. Service -- A functional division of a program or the delivery of care.

~~3.98.~~ 3.83. Six Rights of Medication Administration -- A best-practice criteria for medication administration recognized by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses. These criteria are used to assure that each resident receives the specific medication prescribed for the person, in the ordered amount, at the scheduled time, by the designated route- both as prescribed and prepared, that is accurately recorded in the resident' record: (1) the right resident; (2) the right drug; (3) the right dosage; (4) the right time; (5) the right route; and (6) the right record or documentation.

~~3.99.~~ 3.84. Standards -- A measure of comparison for qualitative value.

~~3.100.~~ Supervision -- ~~The observation, oversight, and guidance of the child or group of children by the employees assigned to their care.~~

~~3.101.~~ 3.85. Therapeutic Residential School -- A long-term residential, educational facility providing post-secondary education preparation, room, board, and supervision while providing a structured environment and therapeutic support to older children and transitioning adults who may need emotional, behavioral, familial, social, intellectual, or academic development.

~~3.102.~~ 3.86. Time-Out -- A behavior management technique that is part of an approved treatment program and may involve the separation of the child from the group, in a non-locked setting, for the purpose of calming. Time out is not seclusion and is not physically enforced or coerced in any way.

~~3.103.~~ 3.87. Transitioning Adult -- An individual with a transfer plan to move to an adult setting who meets one of the following conditions:

~~3.103.1.~~ 3.87.1. Is 18 years of age but under 21 years of age, was in departmental custody upon reaching 18 years of age, remains under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, or requires supervision and care to complete an education and or treatment program;

~~3.103.2.~~ 3.87.2. Is 18 years of age but under 21 years of age, was adjudicated abused, neglected, or in departmental custody upon reaching 18 years of age and enters into a contract with the Department to continue in an educational, training, or treatment program.

~~3.104.~~ 3.88. Transitioning Youth -- A youth, aged 16 or 17, in the Department's custody and engaged in a program to enhance skills to assist the transition into adulthood.

~~3.105.~~ 3.89. Trauma-Informed Organizational Structure -- Understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of all types of trauma as evidenced by:

~~3.105.1.~~ 3.89.1. Sufficient workforce development in understanding trauma and staff support in sustaining trauma-informed treatment;

~~3.105.2.~~ 3.89.2. Residents and their families are part of care planning and decision-making;

~~3.105.3.~~ 3.89.3. Use of data as a driving force with quality improvement; and

~~3.105.4.~~ 3.89.4. Systemic reviews are conducted within the organization.

~~3.106.~~ 3.90. Treatment -- A broad range of planned habilitative or rehabilitative services, including diagnostic evaluation, counseling, medical, psychiatric, psychological, training and social service care, that are provided to enable a child to meet identified goals and objectives. This definition does not supersede definitions related to funding streams.

~~3.107. Treatment Strategy -- An orientation or set of clinical techniques used in a particular therapeutic model to meet a diagnosed need of a child in care over and above the provision of basic care.~~

~~3.108.~~ 3.91. Universal Precautions -- ~~A collection of medically related behaviors, procedures, and protocols designed to minimize the risk of disease transmission and contamination.~~ An approach to infection control to treat all human blood and bodily fluids as if they were known to be infectious.

~~3.109.~~ 3.92. Variance -- A written declaration by the Secretary that a certain requirement of this rule may be satisfied in a manner different from the manner set forth in the rule.

~~3.110.~~ 3.93. Volunteer -- A person who provides services without direct financial remuneration, and who meets the organization's employment qualifications for health, safety and training.

3.94. Vulnerable and transitioning youth group homes and programs -- Residential child-care facilities providing vulnerable and transitioning youth group homes and programs without behavioral health treatment.

~~3.111.~~ 3.95. Vulnerable Child -- A vulnerable child is a young person under the age of 21 who has been, or is at risk of becoming, a victim of sex trafficking, as indicated by one or more of the following risk factors:

~~3.111.1.~~ 3.95.1. Runaway behaviors;

~~3.111.2.~~ 3.95.2. History of abuse or neglect;

~~3.111.3.~~ 3.95.3. History of homelessness;

~~3.111.4.~~ 3.95.4. Identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Trans-sexual or question their sexuality (LGBTQ);

~~3.111.5.~~ 3.95.5. No meaningful connections to family or community;

~~3.111.6.~~ 3.95.6. Experienced significant trauma;

~~3.111.7.~~ 3.95.7. Indiscriminate or unsafe sexual activities; or

~~3.111.8.~~ 3.95.8. History of involvement with the juvenile justice or child welfare systems.

~~3.112.~~ 3.96. Waiver -- A written declaration by the Secretary that a certain requirement may be treated as inapplicable in a particular circumstance.

§78-3-4. State Administrative Procedures.

4.1. General Licensure Provisions.

4.1.1. Before establishing, operating, maintaining or advertising a residential child care and treatment program within the State of West Virginia, an organization shall first obtain from the Secretary a license authorizing the operation.

4.1.2. A license is valid for the organization named in the application and is not transferable.

4.1.3. The organization shall surrender an invalid license to the Secretary on written demand.

4.1.4. Applications for licenses or approvals are made on forms prescribed by the Secretary.

4.1.5. The organization shall apply for a new license when the ownership of an organization changes. The new owner may not operate until a license is issued.

4.1.6. An organization shall demonstrate a need for the proposed service by obtaining a current certificate of need from the Health Care Authority.

4.1.7. The Secretary shall make a decision on each application within ~~sixty~~ 60 days of its receipt and shall provide to unsuccessful applicants written reasons for the decision.

4.1.8. The Secretary shall perform an on-site inspection prior to issuing initial, renewal or provisional licenses.

4.2. License Application.

4.2.1. The organization shall submit an application for a license or certificate of approval for:

4.2.1.a. Establishment of a new facility;

4.2.1.b. A change in location;

4.2.1.c. A change in ownership;

4.2.1.d. A change in the population served, including but not limited to gender, age and capacity;

4.2.1.e. Upon expiration of existing license; or

4.2.1.f. A significant change in services provided.

4.2.2. The organization shall submit the completed application at least 60 days in advance of the planned opening date, change of location, change of ownership, change in program or expiration of existing license.

4.2.3. The organization shall provide all required information or the application is invalid.

4.2.4. The application shall be accompanied by supporting documentation.

4.2.5. A member of the governing body and the administrator shall sign the application. In appropriate instances, this may be the same person.

4.2.6. The application shall be accompanied by a current fire inspection report by the State Fire Marshal's Office and a current food service and environmental inspection by the local health department.

4.2.7. The governing body or its designated authority shall ensure adequate resources to support the organization's services. If a new organization or an expansion of an existing organization, the governing body shall demonstrate sufficient operating funds for at least six months. The demonstration may include reserves, lines of credit or history of adequate cash flow from an existing program to support a new program for six months.

4.2.8. Existing organizations shall demonstrate financial stability. The organization shall submit a statement from an independent certified public accountant that proper accounting procedures, including an annual audit from a CPA, are in place for the organization.

4.3. Types of Licenses.

4.3.1. Following application review, on-site inspection and approved corrective action, if necessary, and if there is compliance with the requirements of this rule, the Secretary shall issue a license in one of three categories. A license may be amended at any time during the cycle to reflect changes in the program, structure or population.

4.3.2. The Secretary shall issue an initial license to organizations establishing a new service found to be in compliance with regard to policy, procedure, organization, record keeping and service environment rules. The initial license shall expire not more than 6 months from date of issuance and may not be re-issued pursuant to W. Va. Code §49-2-115.

4.3.3. The Secretary shall issue a provisional license to an organization seeking to renew a previously issued license, ~~but which that~~ is not in substantial compliance with this rule. The non-compliant organization must not, however, pose a significant risk to the rights, well-being, health and safety of a child.

4.3.4. The Secretary shall issue a regular license to organizations complying with this rule. A regular license ~~shall expire not more than two years from the date of issuance.~~ may be issued of any duration up to two years at the discretion of the Secretary pursuant to W. Va. Code §49-2-115.

4.4. Construction and Renovation.

4.4.1. Before construction or extensive renovation of children's living areas begins, an organization shall submit to the Secretary for approval a copy of the site drawings and specifications for the architectural structure and mechanical work.

4.4.2. All extensively renovated and new structures shall comply with current standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4.4.3. The Secretary may provide consultation and technical assistance in obtaining compliance with this rule.

4.5. Inspections.

4.5.1. An organization shall permit the Secretary unrestricted access to the facility to conduct announced and unannounced inspections of all aspects of its operation and premises.

4.5.2. An organization shall permit review of the organization's case records, corporate and financial records, board minutes and employment records as requested by the Secretary.

4.5.3. An organization shall permit access to employees, members of the governing board and children receiving services from the organization as requested by the Secretary.

~~4.5.4. If an organization is accredited by an accreditation body, it shall supply copies of all relevant accreditation reports to the regulatory body within ten 10 days of receipt.~~

4.5.5. The Secretary shall inspect a licensed organization ~~thirty~~ 30 to ~~ninety~~ 90 ~~60~~ days prior to the expiration of its license.

4.5.6. The Secretary shall ~~issue~~ deliver a written report to the organization within ten working days of completion of an inspection.

4.6. Complaint Investigation.

4.6.1. Any person may file a complaint with the Secretary alleging violation of applicable laws or rules by an organization. A complaint shall state the nature of the complaint and the organization by name.

4.6.2. The Secretary may conduct unannounced inspections of organizations involved in a complaint and any other investigations necessary to determine the validity of a complaint.

4.6.3. At the time of the investigation, the investigator shall notify the administrative officer of the alleged reason for the complaint.

4.6.4. The Secretary shall provide to the organization a written report of the results of the investigation along with any violations.

4.6.5. The Secretary may provide to the complainant a description of the corrective action the organization is required to take and of any disciplinary action the Secretary may take.

4.6.6. The Secretary shall keep the names of a complainant and of any child involved in the complaint or investigation and any information that could reasonably lead to their identification confidential.

4.6.7. If a complaint becomes the subject of a judicial proceeding, nothing in this rule prohibits the disclosure of information that would otherwise be disclosed in judicial proceedings.

4.6.8. The organization shall not discharge or discriminate in any way against a child or guardian, or employee who has been a complainant, on whose behalf a complaint has been submitted, or who has participated in an investigation process.

4.7. Reports and Records.

4.7.1. The Secretary shall keep on file a report of any inspection or investigation.

4.7.2. The report shall specify the areas of non-compliance with the rule it violates, and describe the precise data, observation or interview to support the deficiency.

4.7.3. Information in reports or records is available to the public except:

4.7.3.a. As specified in this section regarding complaint investigations;

4.7.3.b. Information of a personal nature from a child or employee's file; and

4.7.3.c. Information required to be kept confidential by state or federal law.

4.7.4. The Secretary shall not make a report public until the organization has the opportunity to review the report and submit a Corrective Action Plan, if necessary.

4.8. Corrective Action Plans.

4.8.1. Within ~~ten~~ 10 working days after receipt of the licensing report, the organization shall submit to the Secretary for approval a written plan to correct all areas of non-compliance that are in violation of this rule. The plan shall specify:

4.8.1.a. Any action taken or procedures proposed to correct the areas of non-compliance and prevent their reoccurrence;

4.8.1.b. The date or projected date of completion of each action taken or to be taken; and

4.8.1.c. The signature of the administrator or his or her designee.

4.8.2. The Secretary shall approve, modify or reject the proposed corrective action plan in writing. The organization may make modifications in conjunction with the Secretary.

4.8.3. The Secretary shall state the reasons for rejection or modification of any corrective action plan.

4.8.4. The organization shall submit a revised corrective action plan within ~~ten~~ 10 working days whenever the Secretary rejects a Corrective Action Plan.

4.8.5. The organization shall immediately correct an area of non-compliance that risks the health or safety of child or other persons.

4.8.6. The Secretary shall determine if corrections have been made.

4.9. Waivers and Variances.

4.9.1. An organization shall comply with all relevant requirements unless a waiver or variance for a specific requirement has been granted through a prior written agreement. This agreement shall

specify the specific requirement to be waived, the duration of the waiver, and the terms under which the waiver is granted.

4.9.2. Waiver of specific requirements shall be granted only when the organization has documented and demonstrated that it complies with the intent of the particular requirement in a manner not permitted by this rule.

4.9.3. The waiver shall contain provisions for a regular review of the waiver.

4.9.4. When an organization fails to comply with the waiver agreement, the agreement is subject to immediate cancellation. The secretary shall determine compliance with the waiver agreement.

4.10. Penalties.

4.10.1. The Secretary may deny the organization's application for licensure or licensure renewal; revoke or modify a license; or prohibit admissions or reduce child census for one or more of the following reasons:

4.10.1.a. The Secretary makes a determination that fraud or other illegal action has been committed;

4.10.1.b. The organization violates federal, state, or local law relating to building, health, fire protection, safety, sanitation, or zoning, or payment of worker's compensation or employment security taxes.

4.10.1.c. The organization conducts practices that jeopardize the health, safety, well-being or clinical treatment of a child;

4.10.1.d. The organization fails or refuses to submit reports or make records available as requested by the Secretary; or

4.10.1.e. The organization refuses to provide access to its location or records as requested by the Secretary.

4.10.2. Where a violation of this rule may result in serious harm to children under care, the Secretary may seek injunctive relief against any person, corporation, child welfare organization or government official through proceedings instituted by the attorney general, or the appropriate county prosecuting attorney, in the circuit court of Kanawha County, or in the circuit court of any county where the children are residing or may be found.

4.10.3. Where the operation of a residential child care and treatment facility constitutes an immediate danger of serious harm to children served by the facility, the Secretary shall issue an order of closure terminating operation of the facility. A facility closed by the Secretary may not operate pending administrative or judicial review without court order.

~~4.11. Annual Time Study.~~

~~An organization is subject to an annual time study regarding the quantification of employee supervision time upon the request of the Department.~~

~~4.12.~~ 4.11. Administrative and Judicial Review.

Any person, corporation, governmental official or child welfare organization, aggrieved by a decision of the Secretary made pursuant to this rule may contest the decision upon making a request for a hearing by the Secretary within ~~thirty~~ 30 days of receipt of notice of the decision. Administrative and judicial review shall be made in accordance with the provisions of ~~article five, chapter twenty-nine-a of the State Code of West Virginia~~ W.Va. Code §29a-5-1, et seq. Any decision issued by the Secretary may be made effective from the date of issuance. Immediate relief there may be obtained upon a showing of good cause made by a verified petition to the circuit court of Kanawha County or the circuit court of any county where the affected organization of child welfare organization may be located. The pendency of administrative or judicial review shall not prevent the Secretary from obtaining injunctive relief as provided for in 4.10.b. of this rule.

§78-3-5. Ethical Practice, Rights and Responsibilities.

5.1. Rights and Responsibilities.

5.1.1. The organization shall inform all children and their family or guardians, or both, of their rights and responsibilities. Information on rights and responsibilities shall be tailored for each of the organization's services as appropriate and shall reflect the consequences of areas of non-compliance with programmatic rules, as well as limitation on individual rights occasioned by involuntary placement or court orders.

5.1.2. All persons served or their guardians as appropriate shall receive information about their rights and responsibilities that is:

5.1.2.a. Posted in a public area as appropriate;

5.1.2.b. Provided in writing;

5.1.2.c. Distributed during their initial contact with the organization or upon during admission; and

5.1.2.d. Effectively and appropriately communicated to persons with special needs and in an age-appropriate manner.

5.1.3. Each child's record shall contain documentation that the individual received an explanation of his or her rights and responsibilities, initialed by the child or parent or guardian, or both.

5.1.4. Written rights shall include, but are not limited to:

5.1.4.a. Rules and behavioral expectations;

5.1.4.b. Factors that could result in discharge and termination unless clinically contra-indicated;

5.1.4.c. Basic information about how to file complaints, grievances or appeals; and

5.1.4.d. Rights of persons in residential child care and treatment facilities as specified in subsection 5.4. of this rule.

5.1.5. The organization's policy and procedures shall ensure that:

5.1.5.a. The parent or guardian may refuse any service, treatment or medication unless mandated by law or court order; and

5.1.5.b. If the parent or guardian or transitioning youth or transitioning adult refuses a recommended service, treatment or medication the organization informs the person of the consequences of the refusal, which may include termination or discharge.

5.2. Access and Eligibility.

5.2.1. The organization shall define its service population and the eligibility criteria for each of its services.

5.2.2. Organizational policy shall state that the organization does not discriminate by race, color, age, national origin or disability unless it is part of an individualized determination that the facts and circumstances of a particular case require the consideration of race, color, age, national origin or disability in order to advance the best interests of the child.

5.2.3. The organization shall have in place a policy detailing admissions procedures for each service and the procedures shall:

5.2.3.a. Minimize barriers to timely initiation of services;

5.2.3.b. Provide for initial screening or placement on a waiting list;

5.2.3.c. Allow the organization to give priority to children and families with urgent needs or in emergency situations as appropriate; and

5.2.3.d. Ensure that all persons are treated equitably.

5.3. Culturally Competent Practice.

5.3.1. The organization's policies, procedures and practices shall recognize, respect and respond to the unique, culturally defined needs of persons and families within its service population.

5.4. Rights of Persons in Residential Child Care and Treatment Facilities.

5.4.1. A child or transitioning adult receiving services from the organization shall have basic rights including, but not limited to:

5.4.1.a. Adequate food, clothing and shelter;

5.4.1.b. Adult guidance, support and supervision;

5.4.1.c. Freedom from abuse, neglect, corporal punishment and exploitation;

5.4.1.d. Education;

5.4.1.e. Services necessary to promote safety, permanency and well-being;

5.4.1.f. Clean and safe surroundings;

5.4.1.g. Adequate medical care;

5.4.1.h. Visitation with family and significant others as specified in the plan of care or the child's case plan, or both, unless clinically contra-indicated or otherwise described in policy;

5.4.1.i. Communication with family and significant others by telephone, e-mail, texting or other means of communication as specified in the plan of care or the child's case plan, or both, or under conditions described in policy;

5.4.1.j. Uncensored mail, unless there is reason to suspect it may contain unauthorized, dangerous or illegal substances or materials or is clinically contra-indicated, or unless consent has been given by parent or guardian to inspect mail;

5.4.1.k. Freedom of thought, conscience and religion;

5.4.1.l. Reasonable access to a legal representative, clergy or spiritual advisor and representative of the placing organization, if applicable;

5.4.1.m. Reasonable access to personal funds, if managed by the organization, unless clinically contra-indicated;

5.4.1.n. Privacy, as reasonable for the child's age and functioning, unless clinically contra-indicated; and,

5.4.1.o. Participation in decisions regarding the services provided, unless clinically contra-indicated.

5.5. Confidentiality and Privacy Protections.

5.5.1. The organization shall conform to all federal and state requirements with regards to the confidentiality of children and families served (42 C.F.R. Part 2, Public Law 104-191, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended, and W. Va. Code §49-5-101, as amended).

5.5.2. The organization shall have clearly stated procedures regarding the disclosure of information about children served. The policies shall be in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and rules and regulations and shall include procedures for instances in which the child may be dangerous to himself, herself, or others.

5.5.3. The organization shall assure that any needed release of information is completed in full prior to obtaining the guardian's signature, for each instance where information is needed. A copy of all releases of information shall be placed in the case record.

5.5.4. The organization shall have a written policy or procedure regarding searches of children rooms or property that shall be respectful of privacy rights. The organization shall document any search stating the reason for the search and the outcome of the search.

5.5.5. The organization shall require employees to make every effort to preserve the child's right to privacy and personal dignity according to the age and functioning of the child;

5.5.6. The organization shall not use surveillance cameras or listening devices for routine observation of children in their ~~rooms~~ bedrooms or restrooms unless required by judicial order or contract;

5.5.7. The organization shall provide a secure area or locker for a child's possessions if requested by the child; and

5.5.8. The organization shall prohibit:

5.5.8.a. Involuntary participation in public performances by children served by the organization.

5.5.8.b. Required or coerced use of public statements by persons served that express gratitude to the organization; and

5.5.8.c. Use of photographs, videotapes, audio-taped interviews, artwork or creative writing for ~~public relations~~ the organization's marketing or fund-raising purposes without the informed written consent of the parent or guardian or the child if he or she has reached majority or has been adjudicated an emancipated adult.

5.6. Access to Case Records and Information Management.

5.6.1. Every child, his or her attorney and the child's parents or guardian shall have access to the child's case records to the extent permitted by state and federal law.

5.6.2. The organization may require that sensitive psychological, psychiatric or other information be reviewed with the support of clinical employees. The organization shall document the reason for the requirement.

5.6.3. The organization shall have policy and procedures that protect electronically maintained data in compliance with federal standards.

5.7. Research Protections.

5.7.1. The organization shall have written policies regarding the participation of children and transitioning adults in research projects.

5.7.2. Organizational policy shall clearly state whether the organization conducts, participates in, or permits research involving persons served and have written practices.

~~5.7.3. If an organization does research, it shall have a human subjects committee or an internal review board that reports to the administrator or a designated authority with policymaking functions; and~~

- ~~5.7.3.a. Reviews research proposals that involve persons served;~~
- ~~5.7.3.b. Makes recommendations regarding the ethics of proposed or existing research;~~
- ~~5.7.3.c. Makes recommendations as to whether or not to approve research proposals; and~~
- ~~5.7.3.d. Establishes a minimum frequency for monitoring of ongoing research activities.~~

5.7.4. Participation in research by children or their families is voluntary. ~~The organization may not threaten to withdraw services or otherwise coerce persons or their guardians into participating and shall prohibit the use of financial incentives for recruiting research participants.~~

5.7.5. Each research participant or when appropriate his or her parent or guardian shall sign a consent form that includes:

- 5.7.5.a. A statement that he or she voluntarily agrees to participate in the research project;
- 5.7.5.b. A statement that the organization will continue to provide services regardless of whether he or she agrees to participate in the research project;
- 5.7.5.c. An explanation of the nature and purpose of the research project;
- 5.7.5.d. A clear description of possible risks or discomfort associated with the research project;
- 5.7.5.e. A guarantee of confidentiality; and,
- 5.7.5.f. The signature of the parent or guardian or emancipated child.
- 5.7.5.g. The organization shall safeguard the identity and privacy of persons served in all phases of research conducted by or with the cooperation of the organization.

5.8. Grievance Procedures.

Written policy and procedures shall provide every child and his or her parent or guardian with a formal mechanism for expressing and resolving complaints and grievances. These procedures shall be explained and distributed to each child and his or her parent or guardian. The recipient shall acknowledge receipt of the procedures in writing. The procedures shall:

- 5.8.1. Be given to all persons served and their parents or guardians upon intake into service, and thereafter upon request or at the initiation of a grievance;
- 5.8.2. Include an internal appeal procedure and options for external appeal that shall include the regulatory body or the Federal Office of Civil Rights, or both;
- 5.8.3. Provide for a timely resolution of the matter and require a written response to the aggrieved that includes documentation of the response in the case record or in a separate file, with reference to the separate file to be noted in case record; and in the administrative file; and

5.8.4. Indicate that grievances may be filed either orally or in writing and that all employees of the organization are responsible for assisting any person who wishes to file a grievance.

5.9. Ethical Conduct.

5.9.1. The organization shall develop and implement written standards of ethical conduct for its governing board and its employees.

5.9.2. The organization shall not misrepresent or operate a service or program in any way that is misleading, deceptive or illegal.

5.9.3. The organization shall require its employees to know and comply with policies and procedures established by the organization.

5.9.4. ~~When a child's third-party benefits or payments end or when a child reaches his or her majority while in service,~~ the organization shall have a procedure to discontinue services to the child and family in an orderly, ethical fashion.

§78-3-6. Continuous Quality Improvement.

6.1. The organization shall describe in policy and procedure a well-defined process for assessing and improving its overall performance regarding safety, quality, and case review and compliance and shall identify standards that will promote quality outcomes for persons served.

~~6.1.1. The policy or procedure shall:~~

~~6.1.1.a. Describe the organization's continuous quality improvement activities;~~

~~6.1.1.b. Assign responsibility for conducting and coordinating continuous quality improvement activities;~~

~~6.1.1.c. Specify time frames;~~

~~6.1.1.d. Define methods for monitoring and reporting results; and~~

~~6.1.1.e. Describe feedback mechanisms and corrective action.~~

~~6.1.2. The continuous quality improvement procedure shall be annually reviewed and updated by senior management and the governing body.~~

~~6.1.3. The continuous quality improvement process shall include at a minimum three basic components:~~

~~6.1.3.a. Safety;~~

~~6.1.3.b. Case review and compliance; and,~~

~~6.1.3.d. Quality.~~

~~6.1.4. Organizations may designate committees or individuals to carry out the continuous quality improvement process.~~

~~6.2. Safety.~~

~~6.2.1. The organization shall conduct a quarterly review of the use of service modalities or other organizational practices that involve risk or limit freedom of choice including but not limited to:~~

~~6.2.1.a. The use of restrictive behavior management interventions such as restraints (physical, mechanical or chemical) and seclusion to manage inappropriate or aggressive behavior, or both;~~

~~6.2.1.b. Aversive procedures used by the organization as consequences to inappropriate behavior;~~

~~6.2.1.c. Critical incidents and non-critical incidents, including trends and patterns;~~

~~6.2.1.d. Reports and allegations of neglect or abuse, or both, both internal and external;~~

~~6.2.1.e. Restrictions of privacy including mail, phone and visitation restrictions;~~

~~6.2.1.f. Internal investigations; and~~

~~6.2.1.g. Grievances.~~

~~6.2.2. The organization shall conduct a documented, quarterly safety review of all facilities and buildings to ensure the safety, cleanliness and appropriateness of each service environment. Outdoor facilities shall have a monitoring procedure that shall review at least quarterly all program environments and processes for safety and sanitation.~~

~~6.3. Case Review.~~

~~6.3.1. The organization shall conduct a quarterly case review consisting of at least 10 percent of all open cases and of cases closed that quarter, chosen using a generally accepted standardized sampling methodology. Records from all program or unit sites shall be sampled.~~

~~6.3.2. Employees who conduct case reviews shall evaluate quality and the presence or absence of required documents, and the clarity and continuity of the documents, that shall include but not be limited to:~~

~~6.3.2.a. Assessments;~~

~~6.3.2.b. Care plans;~~

~~6.3.2.c. Appropriate consents;~~

~~6.3.2.d. Custody or guardianship documents;~~

~~6.3.2.e. Individualized educational plans as appropriate;~~

- ~~6.3.2.f. Progress notes, case notes and summaries;~~
- ~~6.3.2.g. Relevant signatures; and~~
- ~~6.3.2.h. Aftercare, discharge and transition plans.~~
- ~~6.3.3. Written procedures for case review shall ensure that workers do not review cases in which they have been directly involved.~~
- ~~6.3.4. Based on the case record review, the reviewer shall prepare a document summarizing case record areas of non-compliance. The organization is responsible for documenting follow-up on areas of non-compliances.~~
- ~~6.3.5. The organization shall document efforts to remediate identified patterns of non-compliance through re-training or increased supervision efforts.~~

~~6.4. Quality.~~

- ~~6.4.1. The organization shall have a process that establishes standards and measures outcomes relative to those standards for each of its facilities on an ongoing basis.~~
- ~~6.4.2. The organization shall analyze outcome data at least annually as part of a self-assessment in order to determine program effectiveness. Results of findings shall be presented to the governing body.~~
- ~~6.4.3. The organization shall have a systematic, documented method of assessing child satisfaction.~~

6.5. Feedback Mechanisms.

6.5.1. The organization shall submit annual summary results of the safety, case review and quality evaluation processes to the governing body ~~and any advisory councils.~~

6.5.2. The organization shall annually provide the results of all reviews including annual financial audits, accreditation reviews and licensing reviews to the governing body.

6.5.3. The organization shall use the findings of its continuous quality improvement processes to:

- 6.5.3.a. Identify problems or service deficits;
- 6.5.3.b. Determine possible causes when data reveal issues of concern;
- 6.5.3.c. Problem solve and develop plans to correct areas of concern or deficit;
- 6.5.3.d. Implement and monitor the effectiveness of corrective plans; and
- 6.5.3.e. Modify the corrective plans as necessary.

§78-3-7. ~~Governing Body and Organization.~~

~~7.1. The organization shall have a clearly identified group of people (or person or partnership when applicable) that exercises authority over and has responsibility for its operation, policies and practices.~~

~~The governing body shall be one of the following:~~

~~7.1.1. A Board of Directors in the case of a non-profit or for-profit corporation;~~

~~7.1.2. Appointed officials of a governmental unit;~~

~~7.1.3. A proprietor in case of a sole proprietorship;~~

~~7.1.4. Partners, in case of a partnership; or,~~

~~7.1.5. A body meeting the criteria established by the Secretary of State.~~

~~7.2. The governing body shall include men and women with varying abilities, experiences, and cultural backgrounds representative of the community. In the case of privately held organizations, the governing body may shall establish an advisory council including men and women with varying abilities, experiences, and cultural backgrounds representative of the community if it cannot meet the requirement.~~

~~7.3. An advisory council shall provide feedback, information and recommendations to the governing body on program policy and procedures, incident reports and quality assurance data.~~

~~7.4. An employee or member of the immediate family of an employee of any public organization that regulates or purchases or arranges the services of a privately run organization may not be a member of the governing body of the organization.~~

~~7.5. All members of the governing body or advisory council shall be provided:~~

~~7.5.1. A formal orientation to the organization and responsibilities of membership of the governing body or advisory council, which that shall be documented;~~

~~7.5.2. Written information that specifies the member's fiduciary and other responsibilities of the organization;~~

~~7.5.3. Annual reports of the activities of the organization; and~~

~~7.5.4. Reports from all regulatory bodies.~~

~~7.6. The Governing Body shall:~~

~~7.6.1. Identify in writing the mission of the organization and develop a plan to meet that mission;~~

~~7.6.2. Ensure that all planned or provided services are consistent with the organization's mission and plan;~~

- ~~7.6.3. Oversee the organization's operations and services;~~
- ~~7.6.4. Determine whether services are within the organization's capabilities and resources;~~
- ~~7.6.5. Adopt administrative, employees, and program policies that are reviewed at least every two years;~~
- ~~7.6.6. Review and approve a budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year;~~
- ~~7.6.7. Annually review and formally accept the financial audit;~~
- ~~7.6.8. Employ an administrator and delegate authority to that person to employ and dismiss employees, implement board policies, and manage day-to-day operation of the organization;~~
- ~~7.6.9. Permit the administrator or his or her designee to attend all meetings of the governing body and committee, with the exception of those held for the purpose of reviewing the performance, status or compensation of the administrator.~~
- ~~7.6.10. Annually evaluate and document the administrator's performance through specific criteria and objectives;~~
- ~~7.6.11. Initiate a continuous quality improvement program and direct needed changes based on the results;~~
- ~~7.6.12. Annually review facility needs related to risk management;~~
- ~~7.6.13. Maintain a long-range plan and review it annually;~~
- ~~7.6.14. Maintain minutes and records generated from all meetings, including members who were present or absent;~~
- ~~7.6.15. Annually visit each organizational site;~~
- ~~7.6.16. Annually review facility needs related to capital improvements; and~~
- ~~7.6.17. Meet at least twice annually.~~

7.7. Administrator.

7.7.1. The administrator shall be responsible for the organization's daily operations.

7.7.2. The administrator shall:

7.7.2.a. Plan and coordinate the development of policies governing the organization's program of services with the governing body;

7.7.2.b. Work with the governing body to develop and implement facilities that serve to meet the mission of the organization;

~~7.7.2.c. Provide written comprehensive reports to the governing body at least annually regarding the operation of present facilities and their compliance with organizational policy;~~

~~7.7.2.d. Provide written reports on the organization's finances to the governing body at least annually regarding present financial status, anticipated problems, financial planning and funding alternatives; and~~

~~7.7.2.e. Ensure that human resources management complies with federal and state employment law.~~

7.8. Conflicts of Interest.

7.8.1. The organization shall have a policy that defines and limits conflicts of interest.

7.8.2. All persons employed by or volunteering for the organization, the governing body, advisory council members and consultants shall follow the policy.

7.9. Administrative Policies ~~File for the Organization.~~

An agency shall develop and maintain written policies including the date of implementation and it will be available to employees.

~~7.9.1. An organization shall assemble maintain an administrative file, that shall be made and make it available upon request of the appropriate governmental organization. It shall contain the following information and documents:~~

~~7.9.1.a. The governing structure including the charter and articles of incorporation as appropriate;~~

~~7.9.1.b. A mission statement and long term plan;~~

~~7.9.1.c. The most recent audit and financial statement;~~

~~7.9.1.d. 7.9.1.c. The by laws or other legal basis for its existence;~~

~~7.9.1.e. The organizational structure and the overall administrative lines of authority and organization employees by site;~~

~~7.9.1.f. 7.9.1.d. The name and position of persons authorized to sign agreements and submit official documentation to the appropriate government organization;~~

~~7.9.1.g. 7.9.1.e. The governing body structure and its composition with names and addresses and terms of membership as appropriate;~~

~~7.9.1.h. 7.9.1.f. Existing purchase of service agreements;~~

~~7.9.1.i. 7.9.1.g. Insurance coverage (all types) including bonding documents if appropriate;~~

~~7.9.1.j. 7.9.1.h. A master list of all clinical and social service professionals used by the organization, either as employees or contractors, and~~

~~7.9.1.k. 7.9.1.i. A description and the membership of any advisory councils.~~

~~§78-3-8. Risk Management.~~

~~8.1. The organization shall purchase appropriate types of insurance including as appropriate, but not limited to general liability, worker's compensation, disability, fire and theft, medical, indemnification, professional liability, officer's or director's liability, automobile liability and malpractice.~~

~~8.2. The organization shall ensure that all employees who sign checks, handle cash or contributions or manage funds, including children's funds, are bonded at the organization's expense or that the organization maintains appropriate insurance coverage to cover potential losses.~~

~~8.3. An organization that provides transportation for persons served as part of a service shall maintain adequate insurance coverage. Employees and volunteers transporting residents in their own vehicles as part of their duties shall provide the organization with evidence that they are properly insured in case of automobile accident. That evidence shall be updated annually. Copies of the individual's license to drive shall be maintained in the individual's personnel file and shall be updated at an interval to be specified in organizational policy.~~

~~8.4. All insurance policies shall be at a financial level adequate to cover the organization in case of an accident or suit. All bonding policies shall be adequate to replace the aggregate of funds managed by the organization.~~

8.5. Legal Compliance.

The organization shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations associated with all aspects of service delivery and operations and shall possess all relevant and appropriate licenses.

8.6. Security of Information.

8.6.1. The organization shall have policies and procedures regulating access to storage of and retention of records of employees and persons served that are in compliance with all state requirements. Regulatory agencies shall be allowed access to all information as necessary to fulfill their statutory duties.

~~8.6.2. The organization shall ensure that records, whether paper or electronic, can be located at any time.~~

~~8.6.3. The organization shall have procedures to protect service and organizational records, whether in electronic or paper form, from destruction by fire, water, loss or other damage and from other unauthorized access, that include:~~

~~8.6.3.a. Backup of all electronic records; and~~

~~8.6.3.b. Storage of paper records and preserved data in locked cabinets.~~

~~8.6.4. Written operational procedures shall govern the retention, maintenance, and destruction of records of former service recipients.~~

8.6.5. The organization shall retain children's records for a minimum of five years following the child's 18th birthday.

~~8.6.6. The organization shall have a policy regarding disposal of records that respects confidentiality and security of child information.~~

~~8.6.7. The organization shall ensure that all computers have up-to-date anti-virus protection and procedures for protecting the confidentiality and integrity of internal databases and sensitive information.~~

~~8.6.8. The format of electronically transmitted data shall comply with all applicable legal standards and requirements.~~

8.7. Contractual Relationships.

8.7.1. The organization shall use written ~~purchase of service agreements or written~~ contracts with ~~both general contractors or vendors and~~ contractors of non-clinical services and professional contractors of clinical services.

~~8.7.2. Purchase of non-clinical service or material contracts shall describe all significant terms and conditions including as appropriate:~~

~~8.7.2.a. Roles and responsibilities of participants;~~

~~8.7.2.b. Services to be provided;~~

~~8.7.2.c. Provisions for training and technical support as necessary;~~

~~8.7.2.d. Duration of the contract, including delineation of follow-up services;~~

~~8.7.2.e. Methods for resolving disputes;~~

~~8.7.2.f. A plan and procedure for timely payment;~~

~~8.7.2.g. Consequences for failure to pay;~~

~~8.7.2.h. Documentation necessary for, and means of reporting to, funding or oversight bodies;~~

~~8.7.2.i. Conditions for termination; and~~

~~8.7.2.j. Expected outcomes as appropriate.~~

8.7.3. If the organization arranges ~~externally or contractually~~ for the provision of clinical services, the organization shall have a written agreement that specifies:

~~8.7.3.a. Roles and responsibilities of the organization and the contracting party;~~

~~8.7.3.b. Documentation required of the contracting individual or service with timelines for provision of the documentation;~~

~~8.7.3.c. 8.7.2.a. Services to be provided;~~

~~8.7.3.d. 8.7.2.b. Provision of appropriate liability or malpractice insurance either by the contractor or contracting party;~~

~~8.7.3.e. 8.7.2.c. Procedures for exchange of information;~~

~~8.7.3.f. 8.7.2.d. Definition of the clients to be served and the services to be provided;~~

~~8.7.3.g. 8.7.2.e. Timelines for provision of service;~~

~~8.7.3.h. 8.7.2.f. Terms of payment;~~

~~8.7.3.i. 8.7.2.g. Assurances that the contracting party shall adhere to state and federal requirements of confidentiality; and~~

~~8.7.3.j. 8.7.2.h. Expected outcomes as appropriate.~~

~~8.7.4. 8.7.3. The organization shall ensure a complete personnel file on each contracted clinical employee and consultant who provides direct services to children on site, including: all contracted professional services are certified or licensed in the service they are providing and evidence of a criminal history fingerprint-based background check.~~

~~8.7.4.a. Evidence of clinical training;~~

~~8.7.4.b. Evidence of appropriate licensure or certification;~~

~~8.7.4.c. Evidence of malpractice or liability insurance as specified in the contract;~~

~~8.7.4.d. Evidence of ability to conduct business in the State of West Virginia;~~

~~8.7.4.e. Evidence of a criminal history background check.~~

~~8.7.5. 8.7.4. If the organization contracts for professional services with a licensed practitioner who serves children in his or her own location, the organization shall have a personnel file containing the following: ensure the professional is licensed in the service they are providing.~~

~~8.7.5.a. Evidence of clinical training;~~

~~8.7.5.b. Evidence of licensure;~~

~~8.7.5.c. Evidence of liability insurance; or~~

~~8.7.5.d. Evidence of a license to operate a business in the state of West Virginia.~~

~~8.7.6.~~ 8.7.5. The organization shall ensure that contractual vendors are oriented to and adhere to the organization's policies and procedures regarding professional practices and confidentiality.

§78-3-9. Financial Management System.

9.1. The organization shall have a written budget, approved by the governing body, that shall serve as a plan for managing its financial resources for the fiscal year.

9.2. The organization shall have established financial management policies and procedures that follow generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

9.3. The organization shall have annual financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

9.4. Financial Accountability.

~~9.4.1. The organization shall make available an annual report of fiscal, statistical and service data that includes summary information regarding its financial position.~~

9.4.2. The organization shall ensure that an administratively independent auditor conducts an annual audit.

9.4.3. An organization that assumes fiduciary responsibility for client funds or disburses other child funds, such as maintenance or allowance funds, shall have written operational procedures that ensure:

~~9.4.3.a. Separate individual accounting of funds with monthly statements to the child and his or her parent or guardian. Funds managed on behalf of clients shall not be commingled with organizational funds;~~

~~9.4.3.b. Protection of child assets, including a bond sufficient to cover all child accounts, unless the aggregate value of the child accounts is less than \$500; and~~

~~9.4.3.c. Compliance with applicable legislative, judicial and governmental requirements, including those applying to payment of benefits allotted by the state or federal government.~~

§78-3-10. Management of Human Resources.

10.1. Deployment of Employees.

10.1.1. The organization shall retain sufficient numbers of qualified individuals to:

10.1.1.a. Efficiently and effectively meet the demand for all services it provides; and

~~10.1.1.b. Provide and coordinate the services that are within the organization's scope and mission.~~

~~10.1.2. The organization shall ensure that sufficient, licensed or certified professional clinical employees are employed or available on a consistent basis to provide, at a minimum, that:~~

~~10.1.2.a. All intakes and diagnostic assessments are completed by suitably trained and experienced professional employees;~~

~~10.1.2.b. Professional employees are available and mandated to provide direct supervision and consultation to direct care employees, professional interns and paraprofessionals at a ratio appropriate to the number of employees or interns supervised and the demands of the population served;~~

~~10.1.2.c. Professional employees or employees under supervision for licensure or certification according to state law is available and mandated to provide direct service to children and transitioning adults for those organizations providing therapy services (individual, group and family) or medical services, or both; and~~

~~10.1.2.d. Employees are available in sufficient quantity and with sufficient credentials to address the needs of the child as identified by the assessment and interdisciplinary team process.~~

~~10.1.3. The organization shall identify an individual at each program site responsible for overall administration of the program at that site.~~

10.2. Personnel Practices.

~~10.2.1. Upon employment of services, the organization shall provide each employee with written policies and procedures regarding wages, benefits, promotions, insurance protections, employee training and development opportunities as appropriate.~~

~~10.2.2.~~ 10.2.1. The organization shall have policies that comply with all federal and state statutes, rules and regulations regarding employment practices.

~~10.2.3.~~ 10.2.2. The minimum age of any person serving as an employee for organizations serving children aged 13 and older shall be 20 years of age.

~~10.2.4.~~ 10.2.3. If the age of the population served at an organization is uniformly 12 years and under, the minimum age of the employees serving the population shall be 18 years.

~~10.2.5.~~ 10.2.4. If the program serves transitioning adults up to age 21, the ages of the employees providing direct care shall be at least three years older than the age of the eldest child.

~~10.2.6. The organization shall interview each qualified applicant personally prior to employment. The organization shall document contact with at least three unrelated references by telephone, in writing or in person for each applicant being actively considered. At least one reference shall be a professional reference. If the person has never been employed, school references may be used.~~

~~10.2.7. The organization shall review with the applicant a comprehensive job description at the time of the interview and provide a copy of a detailed written job description upon engagement and upon significant changes in job assignment or responsibilities.~~

~~10.2.8.~~ 10.2.5. The organization shall submit a request for a criminal history background check and a protective services records check to the WV CARES unit of the Department for each potential employee or independent contractor prior to permitting that employee or independent contractor to work with children.

~~10.2.9.~~ 10.2.6. The organization will obtain a WV CARES self-disclosure application and consent form signed by the potential employee or independent contractor indicating any past criminal conviction or pending charges.

~~10.2.10.~~ 10.2.7. Documentation of the completed criminal history background check shall be maintained with the personnel file of the applicant. Documentation shall include a fitness determination of eligibility from the WV CARES unit and a variance or waiver that has been granted by the Secretary if the applicant has convictions of disqualifying offenses or pending charges.

~~10.2.11.~~ 10.2.8. The organization must demonstrate compliance with all provisions of the WV CARES Act and its Legislative rule, 69 CSR 10. The organization may not allow employees or independent contractor to work in a group residential child care and treatment facility prior to receiving the results of the check.

~~10.2.12.~~ 10.2.9. Organizational policy shall prohibit the engagement of any employee, volunteer, or independent contractor who has a history of substantiated adult or child abuse or neglect.

~~10.2.13.~~ 10.2.10. Organizational policy shall prohibit engagement or retention of either employees, contractors, or volunteers who have a history of convictions for, or are on parole or probation for, a WV CARES disqualifying offense.

~~10.2.14.~~ 10.2.11. The organization shall have a policy and mandatory training process for all employees for compliance with mandatory reporting requirements regarding allegations of abuse or neglect of children as described in W. Va. Code §49-2-801.

~~10.2.15.~~ 10.2.12. The organization shall have a written job description and selection criteria for each position or group of similar positions that includes the qualifications, expectations and responsibilities required of employees. Job descriptions shall be readily available to employees.

~~10.2.16.~~ 10.2.13. The job description shall detail the supervisory chain of command for each position.

~~10.2.17.~~ 10.2.14. The organization shall designate a supervisor for each separate service or program.

~~10.2.18.~~ 10.2.15. The organization shall employ persons who are qualified according to the job description and selection criteria for the positions they occupy. An organization employing any person who does not possess the usual qualifications for the position in which he or she is employed shall have a written statement justifying reasons for employing this person.

~~10.2.19.~~ 10.2.16. The organization shall verify the credentials of all organization employees and individuals, who are contract employees of the organization, including:

~~10.2.19.a.~~ 10.2.16.a. Education and training;

~~10.2.19.b.~~ 10.2.16.b. Relevant experience; and

~~10.2.19.c.~~ 10.2.16.c. State licensing or certification requirements for their respective disciplines, if any.

~~10.2.20.~~ 10.2.17. If the job description allows less than full licensure for individuals eligible for professional licensure or certification, the organization shall demonstrate that:

~~10.2.20.a.~~ 10.2.17.a. A person with requisite credentials provides appropriate supervision to the employees; and

~~10.2.20.b.~~ 10.2.17.b. The employees are actively working toward licensure or certification, or both.

~~10.2.20.c.~~ 10.2.17.c. This requirement shall not be construed to apply to individuals performing job duties that would not normally require licensure or certification.

10.3. Volunteers.

10.3.1. The organization shall have a policy that specifies the roles and responsibilities that volunteers may assume.

10.3.2. The organization shall ensure that volunteers receive regular supervision to provide assistance, directions for activity and support.

10.3.3. Any documentation provided by volunteers to be placed in a clinical record shall include the date and signature of the volunteer's on-site supervisor prior to being placed in the record.

10.3.4. The organization shall ensure that volunteers understand the responsibilities of the position and the time commitments required prior to formal assignment.

10.3.5. The organization shall formally train volunteers in confidentiality prior to beginning their duties and shall maintain documentation of the training.

10.3.6. The organization shall have a policy requiring volunteer screening that shall include the same criminal history and protective services background checks as required for employees and independent contractors.

10.3.7. The organization shall not use any volunteer who would not pass the criminal history and protective services background checks or security requirements as an employee or independent contractor.

10.4. Students and Student Interns or Residents.

10.4.1. Students covered by this rule are those individuals serving an academic placement of more than 30 hours on site per three-month quarter. Students serving less than 30 hours per quarter shall be continually supervised by another employee and may not work alone with children.

10.4.2. The organization shall have a policy that specifies the roles and responsibilities that students may assume.

10.4.3. The organization shall ensure that students receive regular documented supervision to provide assistance, directions for activity and support.

10.4.4. Any documentation provided by students to be placed in a clinical record shall include the date and signature of the student's on-site supervisor prior to being placed in the record.

10.4.5. The organization shall formally train students in confidentiality prior to beginning their duties and shall maintain documentation of the training.

10.5. Employee, Volunteer, and Student Records.

10.5.1. The organization shall maintain personnel records for all employees, students and volunteers. These records shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary, and contain, as appropriate:

10.5.1.a. Identifying information and emergency contacts;

10.5.1.b. An application for employment, volunteer or student service;

10.5.1.c. A job description or contract;

10.5.1.d. Reference verification;

10.5.1.e. Documentation of education and licensure or certification;

10.5.1.f. Documentation of relevant training as appropriate;

10.5.1.g. Documentation of employee orientation including training in confidentiality;

10.5.1.h. Documentation of criminal history and protective services background checks; and

10.5.1.i. Performance evaluations (except students and volunteers) and documentation relating to performance, including disciplinary actions and termination summaries, as appropriate.

10.5.2. Each organization shall have a record, stored separately, containing medical information on each employee, volunteer or student. The medical records shall include:

10.5.2.a. An initial tuberculosis screening before assumption of duties and a screening every 5 years thereafter; and

10.5.2.b. Results of random drug screens if required by organization policy.

10.5.3. The files shall be secured in a confidential manner with limited access.

10.6. Performance Review.

10.6.1. The organization shall conduct annual performance reviews between each employee and the supervisor or person to whom he or she is accountable.

10.6.2. The organization shall develop performance expectations for each position that are discussed with each employee.

10.6.3. The organization shall give the employee opportunity to sign the written performance review and provide written comments before the report is entered into their personnel record.

10.6.4. The organization shall have a policy that clearly delineates procedures governing disciplinary actions and non-voluntary termination of employees.

§78-3-11. Training and Supervision of Employees.

11.1. Orientation of New Employees.

11.1.1. The organization shall ensure that each new employee, volunteer, student and receive an orientation within the first ~~ten~~ 10 working days of employment and shall document that orientation in the individual's personnel record.

11.1.2. The organization shall orient all new employees on the following, ~~to~~:

~~11.1.2.a. Its mission, philosophy and goals;~~

~~11.1.2.b. Its services, policies and procedures;~~

~~11.1.2.c. An organizational chart that delineates lines of accountability and authority at all levels of the organization;~~

~~11.1.2.d. 11.1.2.b. The objectives and process of the organization's continuous quality improvement program;~~

~~11.1.2.e. 11.1.2.c.~~ The organization's policies and procedures on confidentiality and disclosure of information on persons served, including penalties for violation of these policies and procedures and an orientation to federal confidentiality requirements as they apply to the organization;

~~11.1.2.f. 11.1.2.d.~~ The legal rights of persons served;

~~11.1.2.g. 11.1.2.e.~~ Mandatory reporting procedures for suspected abuse and neglect;

~~11.1.2.h. 11.1.2.f.~~ Appropriate identification and documentation of incidents;

~~11.1.2.i. 11.1.2.g.~~ The responsibility to abide by organizational and professional ethics;

~~11.1.2.j. 11.1.2.h.~~ Fire drills; and

~~11.1.2.k. 11.1.2.i.~~ Procedures regarding medical and psychiatric emergencies, including necessary notification of guardians and others.

~~11.1.3. Additionally, program employees with direct care responsibilities shall be trained within 90 days of employment on the following:~~

~~11.1.3.a. Sensitivity to differences in cultural norms and values as appropriate;~~

~~11.1.3.b. Management of children attempting to escape supervision or who are away from supervision;~~

~~11.1.3.c. Sensitivity to sexual identity including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth;~~

~~11.1.3.d. Family dynamics, including human growth and development;~~

~~11.1.3.e. Proper documentation techniques; and~~

~~11.1.3.f. Basic therapeutic or behavior management techniques.~~

~~11.1.4. Until the training is completed, the employee may not work unless accompanied at all times by an employee who is experienced and knowledgeable in these areas.~~

11.2. Employee Training and Content.

11.2.1. The organization shall provide training to clinical and direct care employees in the following health related topics within ~~thirty~~ 30 days of employment:

11.2.1.a. Basic medical needs and problems of the population served, including management of sick children and symptoms of common medical problems, such as allergy reactions, diabetes and asthma;

11.2.1.b. Basic first aid (completed according to OSHA-approved pediatric first aid requirements and adult requirements as appropriate) and medication reactions (including desired and undesired effects). This training must be updated every three years;

11.2.1.c. Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Adult Training is required every two years and First Aid certification every three years, specific to population served (adult, child or infant);

11.2.1.d. Supervision of self-administration of medication as applicable including typical medications prescribed, appropriate dosages and schedules and common side effects. This training shall be updated annually;

11.2.1.e. Basic de-escalation techniques and passive restraints. This training must be updated annually;

11.2.1.f. The organization's protocols for universal disease precautions and providing services to children with contagious and infectious diseases including positive HIV, AIDS, hepatitis, tuberculosis, or other air and blood borne pathogens. This training must be updated annually;

11.2.1.g. The organization's procedures regarding the duty to warn others of impending harm due to threats made by a resident of the organization's program. The procedures shall include, at a minimum, the requirement that verbal communication of the treatment to the potential victim occur immediately;

11.2.1.h. Appropriate management of suicidal threats or behaviors;

~~11.2.1.i. Children's trauma stress experiences, to include:~~

~~11.2.1.i.1. Impact on development, behavior and relationships;~~

~~11.2.1.i.2. Understanding the types of trauma;~~

~~11.2.1.i.3. Understanding the influence of cultural factors;~~

~~11.2.1.i.4. Recognizing how on-going stressors impact child traumatic stress;~~

~~11.2.1.i.5. Responding to crises with interventions; and~~

~~11.2.1.i.6. Strategies and interventions to promote resiliency and health.~~

~~11.2.1.j. Food handler's certification as necessary and appropriate.~~

~~11.2.2. 11.2.1.i. The organization shall inform all employees in writing of its policy defining and prohibiting corporal and degrading punishment.~~

~~11.2.3. 11.2.1.i. The organization shall train appropriate employees on procedures for maintaining a safe, hygienic, and sanitary environment. Procedures shall address:~~

~~11.2.3.a. 11.2.1.i.1. Steps to retard the spread of infection in bathrooms, bedding and food; and~~

~~11.2.3.b. 11.2.1.i.2. Proper storage of cleaning supplies and hazardous materials.~~

~~11.2.4. Employees shall be trained at the time of admission to serve any child with special needs such as dietary restrictions, use of an epinephrine auto-injector, rescue inhalers, diabetic monitoring mechanisms, etc.~~

~~11.2.5. The organization shall document all employee training provided to employees.~~

11.2.2. Additionally, program employees with direct care responsibilities shall be trained within 90 days of employment on the following:

11.2.2.a. Sensitivity to differences in cultural norms and values as appropriate;

11.2.2.b. Management of children attempting to escape supervision or who are away from supervision;

11.2.2.c. Sensitivity to sexual identity including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth;

11.2.2.d. Family dynamics, including human growth and development;

11.2.2.e. Proper documentation techniques; and

11.2.2.f. Basic therapeutic or behavior management techniques.

11.2.2.g. Children's trauma stress experiences, to include:

11.2.2.g.1. Impact on development, behavior and relationships;

11.2.2.g.2. Understanding the types of trauma;

11.2.2.g.3. Understanding the influence of cultural factors;

11.2.2.g.4. Recognizing how on-going stressors impact child traumatic stress;

11.2.2.g.5. Responding to crises with interventions; and

11.2.2.g.6. Strategies and interventions to promote resiliency and health.

11.2.2.h. Food handler's certification as necessary and appropriate.

11.2.3. Employees shall be trained at the time of admission to serve any child with special needs such as dietary restrictions, use of an epinephrine auto-injector, rescue inhalers, diabetic monitoring mechanisms, etc.

11.2.4. The organization shall document all employee training provided to employees, including a survey by the employee that indicates that he or she feels adequately trained to do their job.

~~11.1.4.~~ 11.2.5. Until the training is completed, the employee may not work unless accompanied at all times by an employee who is experienced and knowledgeable in these areas.

11.3. Supervision.

11.3.1. The organization shall have a system of employee supervision that is tailored to the organization's model of service delivery and uses individual or group, or both, supervision on a regularly scheduled basis.

~~11.3.2. Supervisory ratios for program employees shall be adequate and adjusted according to the following criteria:~~

~~11.3.2.a. Educational background and skill level of those supervised;~~

~~11.3.2.b. Skills of the supervisor;~~

~~11.3.2.c. Workload size and complexity;~~

~~11.3.2.d. Newness of the assignment;~~

~~11.3.2.e. Variance due to turnover, vacation and other factors; and~~

~~11.3.2.f. Mode of supervision (group, individual, on going, scheduled, etc.);~~

~~11.3.3. The organization shall ensure that supervisory employees have sufficient time to hold supervisory conferences and conduct evaluation and training activities.~~

~~11.3.4. The organization shall adjust supervisory assignments, frequency and duration in response to the findings and recommendation of the continuous quality improvement processes.~~

§78-3-12. Service Environment.

12.1. Environmental Quality.

12.1.1. The organization shall provide services in an environment (buildings, grounds and equipment) that meets all applicable federal, state and local health, building, safety and fire codes.

~~12.1.2. All structures on the grounds and equipment of the organization shall be maintained in good repair and free from danger to health and safety.~~

~~12.1.2.a. Broken, rundown or defective furnishings and equipment shall be replaced or repaired promptly.~~

~~12.1.2.b. Outside doors, windows and other features of the structure necessary for security from weather shall be repaired within 24 hours of being found to be in a state of disrepair.~~

~~12.1.3. The organization shall operate facilities in an environment that is safe, accessible, and appropriate for the needs of the child.~~

~~12.1.4. The organization shall provide adequate housekeeping, laundry, maintenance, storage and other administrative support functions required to carry out its services.~~

12.1.5. The organization shall post by the telephone in all direct care and residential service locations, emergency telephone numbers for the fire department, poison control hot-line, local police, and child abuse hot line. Each child capable of using them shall be oriented to their presence and use of the telephone system in emergencies.

~~12.1.6. Buildings owned or leased by the organization shall be in compliance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Existing organizations shall make any modifications readily achievable within the resources of the organization. Where the building's age or excessive cost prevents change to the facility or grounds, the organization shall have on file a plan that can be readily implemented to accommodate the needs of persons with physical disabilities when served. The organization may be compliant with the requirements of this section by adapting its program to serve individuals with disabilities in other equally effective ways.~~

~~12.1.7. All residential buildings shall conform to the current Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association, unless exempted by the State Fire Marshal.~~

~~12.1.8. The organization shall have documentation that the facilities owned or leased by the organization and used for services are in full compliance with the State Fire Code. That evidence shall be renewed as required by the State Fire Marshal.~~

~~12.1.9. All water supply systems in buildings owned or leased by the organization shall comply with applicable Public Health rules.~~

~~12.1.10. All drinking water facilities in buildings shall be sanitary and accessible.~~

~~12.1.11. All buildings owned or leased by the organization shall be served by an approved public sewage system or by a sewage disposal system that has been approved by the Secretary local public health department.~~

~~12.1.12. All rooms in buildings used by the organization shall provide adequate heating, illumination and ventilation. The following shall be prohibited:~~

~~12.1.12.a. Unvented, fume-producing heating devices, and~~

~~12.1.12.b. Unprotected open heaters.~~

~~12.1.13. The organization shall have appropriate and as necessary, secure storage areas for items such as food, utensils, work materials, cleaning supplies, clothing, linens, medicines and toxic materials. Food and medicines shall be stored separately from all other materials and from each other.~~

~~12.1.14. Poisons and other potentially hazardous items shall be kept in a locked place.~~

~~12.1.15. Solid waste storage shall be sufficient to contain all solid waste in a safe and sanitary manner.~~

~~12.1.16. Garbage and rubbish that is stored outside shall be stored securely in non-combustible, covered containers and shall be removed on a regular basis not less than once every week. Garbage containers shall be watertight and vermin proof, kept clean and stored on a concrete or metal platform. Trash collection receptacles and incinerators shall be separate from play areas and be so located as to avoid being a nuisance to neighbors.~~

~~12.1.17. All plumbing in buildings owned or leased by the organization shall meet the requirements of local plumbing codes or the National Plumbing Code if no local codes apply.~~

~~12.1.18. Structures shall be maintained free of insects and rodents of public health significance.~~

~~12.1.19. A routine maintenance and cleaning program shall be maintained by the organization in all areas of the facility, including interior and exterior spaces.~~

12.2. Food Services.

~~12.2.1. Food shall be stored, prepared and served in a sanitary manner.~~

12.2.2. Food services shall:

- 12.2.2.a. Meet or exceed national nutritional standards;
- 12.2.2.b. Be planned with the documented assistance of a dietitian; and
- 12.2.2.c. Meet general, alternative, and prescribed dietary needs of persons served.

12.2.3. Use of paper or disposable plates, beverage containers, and utensils are to be limited and not used in day-to-day meal service. Outdoor therapeutic educational programs are exempt from this requirement when operating in the field.

12.3. Compliance with Legal, Health and Regulatory Requirements.

12.3.1. The organization shall have current authorization or licensure for facilities that require authorization or licensure.

12.3.2. Current licenses or certificates shall be prominently displayed in an area visible to the public.

12.3.3. The organization shall maintain in the administrative file reports regarding:

- 12.3.3.a. Certification of occupancy requirements;
- ~~12.3.3.b. Zoning and building codes;~~
- ~~12.3.3.c. Occupational safety and health administration codes;~~
- 12.3.3.d. Health, sanitation and fire codes;
- 12.3.3.e. Records of maintenance and safety inspections performed internally (e.g., by the Safety Committee/Officer of the continuous quality improvement process);
- 12.3.3.f. All other applicable safety codes; and
- 12.3.3.g. Any and all corrective action plans or citations.

12.4. Transportation.

12.4.1. An organization that provides transportation in its vehicles for children as part of a service and shall assure vehicles meet state safety standards and shall have procedures for ensuring:

- ~~12.4.1.a. The use of age-appropriate passenger restraint systems;~~
- ~~12.4.1.b. Adequate passenger supervision relative to the ages, sexes, behavioral challenges and disabilities of the children;~~
- ~~12.4.1.c. Proper and timely licensure and inspection of the vehicles;~~

12.4.1.d. First aid kits in each organizational vehicle;

12.4.1.e. Proper and timely maintenance of vehicles;

12.4.1.f. That the number of persons in any vehicle used to transport children shall not exceed the number of available safety restraint systems;

12.4.1.g. Sufficient liability insurance;

~~12.4.1.h. Adequate aisle space in vans transporting wheelchair-bound children;~~

~~12.4.1.i. Secure anchoring for wheelchairs except in automobiles; and~~

~~12.4.1.j. Annual validation of driver licenses.~~

12.4.2. An organization that permits the transportation of persons served in vehicles that belong to employees shall require:

12.4.2.a. Passenger insurance coverage either through the organization's insurance or the driver's automobile liability insurance;

12.4.2.b. Proof of insurance;

12.4.2.c. Age-appropriate passenger restraints for all passengers;

~~12.4.2.d. Annual validation of the driver's license; and~~

~~12.4.2.e. Current registration and inspection validated annually.~~

12.5. Organization Safety and Security.

12.5.1. The organization shall have a schedule of regular inspection and maintenance activity to ensure the safety of its premises, equipment and fixtures.

~~12.5.2. The organization shall have fire extinguishers reviewed by a qualified professional annually.~~

12.5.3. The organization shall not maintain any firearm or chemical weapon on the grounds or within the structures of the facility.

12.5.4. All power-driven equipment used by a facility shall be kept in safe and good repair. The equipment shall be used by children only under the supervision of an employee and according to state code. ~~Lawn mowers shall be stored in areas separated with one-hour fire-rated material.~~

12.5.5. The organization shall have a Safety Committee or designated safety and maintenance officer whose function is to perform regular documented inspections for identification of potentially hazardous conditions (e.g., harmful water temperatures, improper use of small appliances, stairs without

handrails, etc.) and items in need of repair or maintenance. At no time shall those inspections be less than quarterly.

12.6. Emergency Response.

12.6.1. The organization shall have procedures in place for responding to accidents, serious illness, fire, medical emergencies, floods, natural disasters and other life threatening situations that:

12.6.1.a. Address the needs of any special population served by the organization;

12.6.1.b. Specify evacuation procedures including an evacuation site, parties to notify, and emergency items to take when evacuating;

12.6.1.c. Describe relocation plans for the service or program if it becomes necessary;

12.6.1.d. Specify appropriate responses to medical emergencies; and

12.6.1.e. Require notification of the child's parent or guardian and other appropriate authorities at the earliest opportunity.

12.6.2. Residential facilities shall conduct monthly fire drills rotating all shifts at least once per quarter and shall meet legal requirements for fire drills as specified by the State Fire Marshal. Participation shall be mandatory for all employees and children. Organizations that do not operate by shifts (e.g., outdoor therapeutic educational programs) shall have monthly fire drills at various times of the day and night.

12.6.3. The organization shall have procedures for dealing with injuries, accidents and illnesses. The organization shall ensure that a communication device and first aid supplies are readily available in all organization buildings.

12.6.4. The organization shall have procedures in place for dealing with:

12.6.4.a. Persons who are injured, lost or absent from care without permission; and

12.6.4.b. Persons who threaten violence or harm to themselves or employees providing care and/ or supervision.

12.6.5. The organization shall assign a employee to orient each newly arrived child to organization emergency procedures and the location of emergency exits as appropriate during the first full day of the child's stay at the organization. The employee shall file a written confirmation in the child's case record that the orientation has taken place.

12.6.6. The organization shall ensure that all employees have immediate access to current poison control information or procedures for referral for emergency medical attention.

12.7. Contagious and Infectious Diseases.

12.7.1. The organization shall have a procedure in place for minimizing the risk of exposure to airborne and blood-borne pathogens by implementing the use of Universal Safety Precautions.

Procedures shall comply with related standards of the Centers for Disease Control and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

12.7.2. The organization shall develop policies and procedures to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, tuberculosis, and other contagious or infectious diseases and shall review and update those policies as necessary or every two years at a minimum.

12.7.3. The organization shall have policies that ensure that employees with direct contact with children:

12.7.3.a. Receive a tuberculosis risk assessment or test prior to assumption of duties and at least every five years thereafter, as well as after incidents of exposure or manifestation of symptoms of TB tuberculosis; and

12.7.3.b. Demonstrate completion of an approved treatment when test results are positive.

12.7.4. The organization that prepares food for children shall have policies and procedures to ensure clean and safe food preparation and prevent the exchange of communicable diseases. The procedures shall:

12.7.4.a. Require that food service employees do not prepare or serve food if they have symptoms of acute illness or an open, untreated wound;

12.7.4.b. Set forth minimum dishwashing and laundry water temperatures to kill bacteria; and

12.7.4.c. Conform with the requirements for food service as specified by the Department's rule, "Food Establishments", 64CSR17, including as appropriate, current food handler's cards.

12.7.5. The organization shall immediately notify the health officer of the county in which it is located of any known or suspected cases of communicable diseases that are required by law to be reported.

12.8. Building Exteriors and Grounds.

12.8.1. An organization shall ensure that buildings, grounds and recreational areas owned or leased by the organization are maintained in good repair and free from reasonable danger to health or safety.

12.8.2. Children and transitioning adults shall have access to outdoor recreational space and suitable recreational equipment that is in good repair and free from defects.

12.9. Interior Space.

12.9.1. Each living unit of an organization shall contain space for the free and informal use of children in care.

12.9.2. Dining areas shall be arranged so as to allow children, employees and guests to eat together in small groups.

12.9.3. Dining areas shall be well-lighted, ventilated and appropriately furnished.

12.9.4. Except for outdoor therapeutic educational programs, there shall be a minimum of ~~sixty~~ 60 square feet per occupant in bedrooms. Bedrooms for single occupants shall have a minimum of ~~eighty~~ 70 square feet.

12.9.5. No more than four children may occupy a designated bedroom space.

12.9.6. The bedroom space shall have a direct source of natural light.

12.9.7. Except for outdoor therapeutic educational programs, each child shall have his or her own bed with sufficient linens and covers. Linen shall be changed at least weekly, but more frequently if necessary. Cots or other portable beds are not to be used on a routine basis. The uppermost mattress of any bunk bed in use shall be far enough from the ceiling to allow the occupant to sit up in bed.

12.9.8. Each child shall have his or her own dresser or other storage space for private use, and a designated space for hanging clothes and placing possessions.

12.9.9. Bathrooms and plumbing fixtures shall be kept clean and maintained in good repair.

~~12.9.10. Water temperatures in sinks, showers, and bathtubs shall not exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit. There shall be a safe and adequate supply of potable hot and cold running water. Water from any source other than a public water supply shall be tested annually by the appropriate state or local authority in accordance with state or local law.~~

~~12.9.11. Fixtures in bathrooms shall be situated so as to be accessible to the average sized child of the household. If the organization serves individuals with physical challenges, accessible or adapted equipment shall be provided and there shall be sufficient space in the bathroom to permit employee assistance if necessary.~~

12.9.12. A facility shall have one toilet, one lavatory and one bathtub or shower for every six children, at a minimum.

12.9.12.a. Bathroom floors and walls shall be moisture resistant and non-absorbent.

12.9.13. There shall be no open flame heaters in any facility operated by the organization and used by children.

12.9.14. Bathroom and bedroom facilities shall allow individual privacy unless there is a clear, clinical justification otherwise that shall be documented on the plan of care. There shall be doors on sleeping areas and bathrooms that can be readily opened from both sides.

12.9.15. No locks shall be placed on any door that hinders the exit of a person from that area. Locks may be used to restrict access to certain areas but must not require a key to exit. Upon written approval by the Secretary, a facility may use delayed-egress electrically locking systems. The facility shall submit a written request that includes (i) the area(s) where the delayed-egress electrically locking systems will be used; (ii) documentation from State Fire Marshal that the delayed-egress electrically locking systems complies with all building and fire codes; and (iii) the reason the delayed-egress electrically

locking system is necessary to serve the children in the facility. The Secretary shall determine if the needs of the children served by facility require this level of restriction given the need for children to maintain normalcy. The Secretary may revoke the approval at his or her sole discretion.

~~12.9.16. Kitchens used for meal preparation shall be provided with the necessary equipment for the preparation, storage, serving and cleanup of all meals for all the children and employees regularly served by the kitchen. All equipment shall be maintained in working order. Kitchens serving more than eleven children shall meet all applicable provisions of the Department's rule, "Food Establishments", 64CSR17. Kitchens serving less than twelve may use a family-type kitchen provided that:~~

~~12.9.16.a. Food shall be protected from contamination during storage, preparation and service;~~

~~12.9.16.b. Food contact utensils and equipment shall be of appropriate material, easily cleaned and maintained in good repair;~~

~~12.9.16.c. Refrigeration equipment shall assure the maintenance of food at or below 45 degrees Fahrenheit; and~~

~~12.9.16.d. Kitchen sinks shall have at least two bowls. If a dishwasher is used, the temperature shall reach a level sufficient to sanitize dishes. If no dishwasher is used, proper sanitation treatments in the washing process shall be used.~~

12.9.17. An organization using live-in employees or house parents shall provide adequate, separate living space for these employees.

12.9.17.a. A bed shall be provided in employee quarters for live-in employees or house parents.

12.9.17.b. Employees shall not share bedrooms with children.

12.9.18. Furniture provided for children shall be appropriately designed to meet the size and capabilities of the children. Furnishings shall be maintained in good repair.

12.9.19. An organization shall have securely locked storage spaces for all potentially harmful materials. Poisonous or toxic materials shall be stored in locked storage spaces not used for any other purpose.

12.9.20. Drugs, employee files and case records are to be kept in locked storage spaces with authorized access only.

12.9.21. Any room, corridor or stairway within a facility shall be sufficiently illuminated. Corridors in sleeping areas shall be illuminated at night.

12.9.22. Each separate living unit within an organization shall have telephone service.

12.9.23. Every access and exit to the building shall be continuously maintained free of all obstruction or impediments to immediate use.

12.9.24. The use of candles is prohibited.

12.9.25. Children shall swim only in areas that are supervised by a certified individual. A certified individual shall have a current water safety instructor certificate or senior lifesaving certificate from the Red Cross.

12.9.26. On ground pools shall be in a secured area and shall comply with the Department's rule, Recreational Water Facilities, 64CSR16.

12.9.27. Windows shall have insect screening unless the facility is centrally air-conditioned. The screening should be readily removable in emergencies and shall be in good repair. All exterior doors shall be close fitting and self-closing.

§78-3-13. Initial Assessment and Plan of Care.

13.1. Multidisciplinary Team.

In all instances in which there is a legally designated Multidisciplinary Team (MDT), the organization's assessments and care plans shall be ~~copied to the designated "chair" or~~ provided to the DHHR representative of the MDT for the purpose of maintaining consistency in assessment, treatment and placement planning. The MDT is responsible by statute for overseeing the assessment and case planning process for all children who are in the custody of the Department. The organization shall supply a representative to the MDT who is familiar with the child, his or her current status and his or her progress in treatment. The Department of Health and Human Resources designee assigned as the child's representative to the MDT is responsible for approving plans of care designed by the organization. This approval shall include permissions for treatment ~~including permission to administer specific medications.~~

13.2. Initial Assessment.

Each child or transitioning adult that enters residential treatment shall have a thorough assessment and a subsequent plan of care, if considered appropriate by a health care professional.

13.2.1. For children and transitioning adults who have comprehensive assessments completed within six months prior to admission, further assessments are not required, unless circumstances have significantly changed, or the assessments are incomplete.

13.2.2. The organization shall have a comprehensive assessment procedure for children entering the organization's care. Clinical assessments shall be completed by an appropriately licensed or certified clinical professional or an individual under supervision for the licensure. Other assessments may be completed by employees meeting the requirements of their scope of practice. All assessments comprising the comprehensive assessment shall be completed prior to the development of the plan of care and shall include as appropriate and available:

~~13.2.2.a. Demographic information including custody status;~~

13.2.2.b. Presenting problems and reason for referral;

13.2.2.c. A history of treatment;

- 13.2.2.d. A medical history;
- 13.2.2.e. A social history;
- 13.2.2.f. The potential need for use of restrictive behavior management interventions;
- 13.2.2.g. A developmental history;
- 13.2.2.h. An educational or vocational history;
- 13.2.2.i. A legal history;
- 13.2.2.j. A substance abuse history;
- 13.2.2.k. A mental status examination;
- 13.2.2.l. An assessment of independent living and adaptive living skills;
- 13.2.2.m. A summary of the child's strengths;
- 13.2.2.n. A summary of family strengths and weaknesses; and

13.2.2.o. A summary of presenting problems or potential ~~for~~ focus for treatment as identified through the assessment.

13.2.3. When appropriate to the needs of the person served, the assessment shall include:

- 13.2.3.a. A review of adaptive behavior or a functional assessment, or both.
- 13.2.3.b. A review of the need for assistive technology, auxiliary aids and services and other special accommodations;
- 13.2.3.c. Nutritional and dietary needs;
- 13.2.3.d. Special or unique behavioral issues; and
- 13.2.3.e. ~~Academic~~ A review of academic, cognitive and vocational testing or assessments, if available.

13.2.4. Each assessment shall consider any unique aspects of the person's racial, ethnic and cultural background, and the need for any special service approaches resulting from that assessment.

13.2.5. The assessment shall ~~result in a written integrated summary of findings and recommendations that shall guide the organization's treatment efforts. The integrated summary of findings shall include:~~

- ~~13.2.5.a. Recommendations for dental, visual and other health screenings or treatment;~~

~~13.2.5.b. A diagnosis, stated in terms approved by the American Psychiatric Association, if applicable;~~

~~13.2.5.c. Recommendations for further assessment as appropriate;~~

~~13.2.5.d. Recommendations for clinical behavioral health treatment, if applicable;~~

~~13.2.5.e. Recommendations for interventions to be made in the home environment, as necessary and appropriate;~~

~~13.2.5.f. Preliminary recommendations for placement and aftercare upon discharge;~~

~~13.2.5.g. Recommendations for family visitation unless contraindicated clinically or legally; and (moved to the initial plan of care)~~

~~13.2.5.h. Any recommendations for rights restrictions; (moved to the initial plan of care)~~

~~13.2.6. The organization shall have a policy establishing timelines for completion of a full assessment that shall take into account urgency of child need, expected duration of treatment, and timelines for plan of care. The timelines shall facilitate provision of an appropriate range of services at the earliest opportunity depending on the unique needs of the individual and the expected duration of services. Exceptions to these timelines shall be fully documented and justified in the clinical record. (covered in other sections)~~

~~13.2.7. When the organization is required to accept assessments from another organization or subcontracting entity, it shall review each assessment for sufficiency and conduct additional assessments if the product does not meet the standard.~~

13.2.8. The organization shall have a policy that addresses the need written practice to incorporate families into the assessment and service-planning process unless clinically or legally contraindicated.

13.3. Initial Plan of Care.

13.3.1. The organization shall develop ~~a short term or an~~ initial plan of care within ~~seventy two~~ 72 hours of placement that includes the following:

13.3.1.a. ~~Justification for continuation~~ List of medications prescribed prior to admission and continued until the assessment process is completed ~~or justification for medications prescribed by the admitting physician;~~

~~13.3.1.b. A summary of assessments needed for the development of a full diagnostic and treatment perspective and recommendations;~~

13.3.1.c. A description of specific, short-term individual or group interventions to be provided prior to ~~discharge or the~~ development of a master plan of care, if any;

13.3.1.d. A description of educational services to be provided prior to the development of ~~an extended a~~ master plan of care, if any;

13.3.1.e. A description of any behavioral interventions or protocols considered likely to be necessary prior to the completion of the ~~full assessment process~~ master plan of care; and

13.3.1.f. A description of acute or chronic medical problems that may require treatment prior to the completion of the ~~assessment process~~ master plan of care.

13.3.2. The ~~short-term or~~ initial plan of care shall be developed whenever possible by a team representative of the professionals performing the assessments, the child (if cognitively capable of participating), the guardian, and the parents of the child if ~~practicable and not forbidden by the court~~ appropriate. The plan shall include a written description of the services to be provided. The ~~short-term or~~ initial plan of care shall be approved in writing by the parent or legal guardian and the individual served, if that individual is considered sufficiently mature to understand the document. The organization shall ~~document every effort to obtain guardian~~ the guardian's consent for treatment if the guardian is not present for the development of the initial ~~or short-term~~ plan of care. If the organization is required to have the DHHR's consent and does not within 10 business days, the organization must document all two reasonable efforts to obtain the consent, by including contacting the direct supervisor appropriate chain of command.

13.3.3. If the expected length of stay is 30 days or less, the short-term plan of care shall guide the team's efforts throughout the child's stay with the organization and shall be modified as necessary and appropriate. If, however, the expected length of stay is to be greater than 30 days, the team shall meet prior to the end of that time period to develop an ~~extended~~ master plan of care.

13.3.4. ~~Prior to discharge, the team shall meet to review and document the child's progress in treatment, describe continuing problems and issues and develop specific recommendations for aftercare and follow-up. The aftercare and follow-up plans or recommendations shall be provided to the child and his or her parent and guardian upon discharge.~~

13.3.5. ~~If a child requires a specific therapeutic support plan or a protocol for employees to use in dealing with an inappropriate behavior, the plan or protocol shall be in writing, shall be in terms that make it clear to direct care employees and shall have the consent of the parent or guardian. The plan shall include:~~ covered in 13.3.1

~~13.3.5.a. 13.3.4.a. The behaviors to be monitored and modified;~~

~~13.3.5.b. 13.3.4.b. The precise action to be taken by employees if the behavior occurs; and~~

~~13.3.5.c. 13.3.4.c. Documentation employees are responsible for supplying, if any.~~

13.4. Master Plan of Care.

13.4.1. The plan of care planning and review team shall be an interdisciplinary team consisting of the employees involved in providing services to the child (including at a minimum a licensed or certified master's level professional), the parents, the guardian (if other than parent), and the child him or herself, if the child is of sufficient developmental age to appreciate the content of the review. Unless clinically or legally contraindicated in writing, both parents shall be considered members of the care planning team regardless of the identification of a guardian. The child or guardian may request the presence of any other individuals they feel may add to the process. However, the organization is not responsible for bearing any

costs related to the presence of other resources. Teachers or other external providers of service while the child is receiving services from the organization should be invited to team meetings and considered part of the team. The organization is responsible for ensuring that all members of the team receive adequate notification of team meetings, ~~both by telephone, if possible, and in writing and documented in the case file. The organization shall document its efforts to obtain participation by team members and any lack of attendance.~~ The organization shall also document efforts to obtain informed consent for treatment from the parent or legal guardian if the guardian does not attend the team meeting. If the organization is required to have the DHHR's consent and does not within 10 business days, the organization must document all reasonable efforts to obtain the consent, including contacting the appropriate chain of command.

13.4.2. The master plan of care shall:

13.4.2.a. Use the summary and recommendations of the assessment process;

13.4.2.b. Contain plans for maintaining or strengthening the relationship between the person served and his or her family if clinically and legally appropriate;

13.4.2.c. Identify the ~~Permanency Plan~~ ultimate goal of services (e.g., return to home, foster care, independent living, post-secondary education, etc.);

13.4.2.d. Identify the ~~interventions~~ services the organization intends to provide to meet the needs of the child and child's family as revealed by the comprehensive assessment, including a list of general goals tied to the problems identified in the assessment; and desired measurable objectives for each goal stated in terms that are understandable to the child and guardian;

13.4.2.e. Contain a description ~~or list~~ of the interventions to be provided in order to achieve the stated objectives, including:

13.4.2.e.1. ~~Medications prescribed by the organization or a contracted organization or physician associated with the organization. List of medications prescribed by the child's medical practitioner. Medications may be altered by the physician or qualified medical practitioner during the interval between development and review of the care plan without modification of the care plan itself, however, notes made and signed by the physician or qualified medical practitioner shall be present in the record to document what changes were made and why within one week of alteration of a medication regimen; and~~

13.4.2.e.2. A description of therapeutic interventions intended to achieve the outcomes to include behavior support plans or therapy plans, or both, as necessary and appropriate;

13.4.2.f. Identify the title or position of persons responsible for providing each intervention;

13.4.2.g. Identify the frequency of the intervention;

13.4.2.h. Identify any outside providers, such as therapists, that the organization has arranged to treat the child and the goals of the interventions;

13.4.2.i. Include educational, vocational, and health services, including dietary, provided to the client. ~~Medications may be altered by the physician or qualified medical practitioner during the~~

~~interval between development and review of the care plan without modification of the care plan itself, however, notes made and signed by the physician or qualified medical practitioner shall be present in the record to document what changes were made and why within one week of alteration of a medication regimen; and~~

13.4.2.j. A proposed discharge plan.

13.5. Review of Master Plan of Care.

13.5.1. The organization shall have a ~~policy procedure~~ regarding regular review of the plan of care. ~~The policy shall dictate schedules of review of the plan depending on the average or projected length of stay for the child.~~ At no time shall the schedule allow a period of review to extend more than ~~ninety~~ 90 days except as permitted in sections for each provider type.

13.5.2. Reviews shall always be performed prior to discharge and at critical treatment junctures.

13.5.3. The review shall be the result of a conference of all members of the child's care team including the guardian. Participation by team members and guardians may be telephonic, video conferencing, or, when appropriate, submitted in writing and included in the progress summary (e.g., by educational employees). The organization is responsible for ensuring that all members of the team receive adequate notification of team meetings in writing and documents in the case file, ~~documenting efforts to notify each team member in a timely fashion of the review.~~

13.5.4. Written Changes to the master plan of care shall be the result of recommendations by the review interdisciplinary team and approval as indicated by signatures and dates for those in attendance. ~~shall be dated and approved in writing by the members of the team including the child (as developmentally appropriate) and his or her~~ if the guardian is not in attendance, 2 attempts will be made within 10 business days to obtain this approval.

~~13.5.5. Reviews shall be conducted by the interdisciplinary team and shall be in writing. They shall consist of:~~

- ~~13.5.5.a. A review of each outcome objective and its current status;~~
- ~~13.5.5.b. Identification of problems that are preventing progression;~~
- ~~13.5.5.c. Suggestions for dealing with those problems;~~
- ~~13.5.5.d. Modifications to be made to the care plan;~~
- ~~13.5.5.e. A review of any therapeutic service provided by an outside provider, to include a written report from that provider if he or she is not present for the review meeting;~~
- ~~13.5.5.f. A summary of all interventions provided to date;~~
- ~~13.5.5.g. A review of any incidents in which the recipient of service may have been involved since the prior review;~~
- ~~13.5.5.h. A review of the discharge plan and the permanency plan; and~~

~~13.5.5.i. A review of the effectiveness of each psychotropic medication the child is taking at the time of the review.~~

13.6. Permanency Plans.

The organization shall assist the MDT in the development of a permanency plan for each recipient of service, when required by statute.

§78-3-14. Service Delivery.

14.1. Program Description.

The organization shall develop a written description of each service and program that is available to the public and potential consumers. The description shall include:

- 14.1.1. The goals of the program;
- 14.1.2. The expected outcomes of the program;
- 14.1.3. The services provided by the program;
- 14.1.4. The usual staffing of the program including ratios and overall credentialing;
- 14.1.5. Characteristics of children appropriately served by the program; and
- 14.1.6. Restrictions in access to the program, if any.

14.2. Involvement of Families and Guardians.

~~14.2.1. The organization shall document efforts to involve families of biological origin and foster and adoptive families in developing, modifying and reviewing plans of care unless contraindicated by the court or unless clinically contraindicated in writing in the child record, regardless of custody.~~
Covered in previous sections

~~14.2.2. When residential or other out of home services cannot be provided close to a child's home, the organization shall document efforts to maintain family ties and involve the family in plan of care and delivery.~~ Covered in previous sections

14.2.3. The organization is responsible for notifying parents and guardians of:

~~14.2.3.a. Interdisciplinary team meetings;~~ Covered in previous sections

~~14.2.3.b. Changes in the plan of care; and~~ Covered in previous sections

14.2.3.c. Critical incidents and significant changes in the child's condition.

14.2.4. The notification shall be completed within one working day after the event and documented.

14.2.5. If the organization cannot obtain guardian or parental participation and permission for treatment after documented efforts to do so, it shall not be held in violation of regulatory standards regarding permission and participation. However, the organization shall continue to document on-going efforts to include parents and guardians in the treatment process.

14.3. Behavioral and Therapeutic Interventions. An organization that uses therapeutic interventions shall:

14.3.1. Use positive approaches whenever possible to teach pro-social adaptive behavior and to modify behaviors that may be socially or personally maladaptive;

14.3.2. Identify antecedent conditions that may trigger inappropriate behavior and determine the most appropriate intervention;

14.3.3. Apply interventions in a caring and humane manner; and

14.3.4. Carefully describe and document interventions in the client record and in the plan of care.

14.4. Discipline.

14.4.1. The organization shall outline and follow ~~a policy that outlines~~ its practices regarding ~~punishment or~~ discipline of persons served and this policy shall prohibit the following:

14.4.1.a. Corporal punishment (physical hitting or physical punishment inflicted in any manner upon the body);

14.4.1.b. Physical exercises such as running laps or pushups when used solely as a means of punishment;

14.4.1.c. Requiring or forcing the child to take an uncomfortable position for an extended period of time or forcing the child to repeat physical movements when used solely as a means of punishment;

14.4.1.d. The use of aversive conditioning such as electric shock devices, sound, heat, cold, light, water, noise, hot pepper, pepper sauce, pepper spray or ammonia;

14.4.1.e. Interventions that involve withholding nutrition, sleep, or hydration;

14.4.1.f. Punitive work assignments;

14.4.1.g. Sanctioning by peers, except as part of an organized therapeutic self-government program that is conducted in accordance with written policy and is supervised directly by employees;

14.4.1.h. Punishment of the group for an individual child's behavior except as it involves a brief delay to initiation of the next activity or to ensure safety of the employees and children or as part of a therapeutic program using logical and natural consequences as a means of discipline;

14.4.1.i. Punishment that subjects the child to verbal abuse, ridicule or humiliation;

14.4.1.j. Excessive denial of on-grounds program services or denial of any essential program service solely for disciplinary purposes;

14.4.1.k. Denial of visiting or communication privileges with family solely as a means of punishment;

14.4.1.l. Enforced silence for long periods of time;

14.4.1.m. Exclusion of the child from entry to the residence;

14.4.1.n. Assignment of unduly physically strenuous or harsh work;

14.4.1.o. Use of physical restraint involving peers;

14.4.1.p. Use of physical restraint outside commonly accepted systematic methods of passive physical control applied in an appropriately de-escalating fashion; or

14.4.1.q. Use of any technique of manual or physical restraint as an ongoing intervention for inappropriate or undesired behavior except in situations involving significant risk of harm to self or others if the restraint is not used.

14.4.2. The organization shall discontinue use of any intervention if it:

14.4.2.a. Produces adverse side effects such as illness, physical damage or injury; or

14.4.2.b. Is ineffectual or detrimental to meeting service goals and objectives.

14.5. Medication Control and Administration.

14.5.1. Medication shall be prescribed and monitored by a licensed physician, dentist, physician's assistant or advanced practice registered nurse. The organization is responsible for physicians and other medical employees contracted for service just as it is responsible for physicians considered to be employees.

14.5.2. Organizations that administer medication using approved medication assistive personnel shall comply with the Department's rule, "Medication Administration by Unlicensed Personnel", 64CSR60, effective July 1, 1999.

14.5.3. A child entering a facility with properly bottled and labeled medications may continue on those medications with appropriate consents, until such time as the organization can obtain current physician's orders, either from the organization's physician or the child's physician, to continue the medications. ~~At no time shall that period of administration exceed 72 hours. Physician's orders may be verbal or faxed from the office of the treating physician. If verbal, they shall be confirmed in writing within~~

~~one week. If the orders are given by a physician unfamiliar with the child, the organization shall obtain face-to-face physician contact for the child within one week of admission, if that child is prescribed medications of any type, will be in accordance with the medical licensing requirements and standards.~~

14.5.4. When medication is prescribed or administered, the organization shall:

14.5.4.a. Obtain the written consent of the parent or legal guardian and the child over age 12 unless the child is incapable of supplying informed consent or there are compelling and documented clinical or legal reasons to overlook the child's lack of consent. ~~If reasons for continued medication administration are clinical, the organization shall obtain court ordered permission to treat the child against his or her will within the shortest period possible;~~

14.5.4.a.1. When the medication is a psychotropic, except for medications the child is prescribed and taking prior to entering the program, the following information shall be provided to the parent or guardian, or both:

14.5.4.a.1.A. Specification of conditions the medication is to address, such as mood swings, irritability, etc.;

14.5.4.a.1.B. Efforts to address condition without medication;

14.5.4.a.1.C. The expected length of time on medication;

14.5.4.a.1.D. Necessary medical testing needed to determine proper usage of the medication; and,

14.5.4.a.1.E. How often symptoms will be evaluated to determine effectiveness of the medication.

14.5.4.b. Fully explain the benefits and possible side effects of the proposed medication (except in cases of routine refill, changes within a class of medications or dosage changes); and

14.5.4.c. Obtain approval from the parent or legal guardian in advance to dispense medication unless there is documented inability to reach the guardian within a reasonable period of time relative to the urgency of the need for the medication, which that shall be documented. In the case of all other prescribed medication, the guardian will be notified, within one next business day, of the medication prescribed, the reason, and the date the medication began.

14.5.5. The organization shall have a written procedure directing the administration and storage of prescribed and over-the-counter medications to include:

14.5.5.a. An individual record for those children who receive medications to include:

14.5.5.a.1. Medications administered;

14.5.5.a.2. The date medications were administered;

14.5.5.a.3. The time of administration (medications are to be administered within one hour of the prescribed time unless otherwise allowed by physician's order); and

- 14.5.5.a.4. The individual administering the medication;
- 14.5.5.b. A record of all appointments for medication management including unscheduled or canceled visits;
- 14.5.5.c. A record of missed medications and the reason;
- 14.5.5.d. Protocols for the administration of over-the-counter medications that includes individualized approval by a physician or qualified medical practitioner; and
- 14.5.5.e. Prescription medications shall be properly labeled and packaged and include:
 - 14.5.5.e.1. The name of the person served;
 - 14.5.5.e.2. The dosage and the name of the medication;
 - 14.5.5.e.3. The name of the prescribing physician; and
 - 14.5.5.e.4. An expiration date.
- 14.5.6. The organization shall have written procedures that govern:
 - 14.5.6.a. The safe disposal of discontinued, out-of-date or unused medications, syringes, medical waste or medication; and
 - 14.5.6.b. Provision for locked, supervised storage of medications with access limited to authorized employees.
 - 14.5.6.c. Medication errors as described under subsection 3.49 of this rule.
- 14.5.7. Only licensed nursing employees may accept verbal orders for changes in medication regimens. These shall be signed by the prescribing physician within one week.
- 14.5.8. Organizations shall have, at a minimum, a consulting registered nurse whose responsibilities shall include as necessary:
 - 14.5.8.a. Generating and reviewing monthly Medication Administration Records;
 - 14.5.8.b. Matching physician's orders to the medication administration records;
 - 14.5.8.c. Observing employees supervising self-administration of medications at least quarterly;
 - 14.5.8.d. Assisting interdisciplinary teams to develop educational goals for children taking regularly prescribed medications and participating in a supervised self-administration protocol;
 - 14.5.8.e. Instructing employees in dietary or medication administration issues as necessary;

14.5.8.f. Responding to emergency calls from employees on medical issues, and;

14.5.8.g. Conducting ongoing assessments of each child's health needs to include existing medical conditions, dietary issues and medications.

14.5.9. The nursing employees of the organization shall assess each child or /youth for the ability to self-medicate with supervision if the organization allows such administration, before the youth is admitted into the program. Children not capable of participating in a plan shall have medications administered by licensed nursing employees or approved medication assistive employees as set forth in the Department's rule, "Medication Administration by Unlicensed Personnel, 64CSR60, effective July 1, 1999. This requirement does not apply to organizations that operate shelters with a no refusal policy.

14.5.10. Medications may be self-administered under supervision of employees under the following conditions:

14.5.10.a. As part of the child's plan of care, he or she is taught to identify his or her medications, recognize possible side effects, describe the purpose for the medication and indicate the time of day and frequency of which he or she is to take the medications;

14.5.10.b. The child is assessed by nursing staff as being cognitively capable of learning these skills.

14.5.10.c. Medication is kept in a secure location with limited access to employees only except at dosage times;

14.5.10.d. Employees are fully trained as to the purpose, most common side effects and dangers of each medication prescribed for children in the facility, and can identify each medication on sight;

14.5.10.e. Employees are trained in emergency procedures for overdose or abreactions;

14.5.11. The organization shall assess the effect of medication on the child at regular intervals and base its assessment on:

14.5.11.a. Documentation by clinical employees of the person's behavior in the case record;

14.5.11.b. The observations of the child, employees, and significant others; and

14.5.11.c. Any commonly recommended medical tests necessary to determine the impact and safety of the medication on the persons served (e.g., blood levels, etc.).

14.5.12. Organizations with a length of stay longer than one year shall document attempts to titrate psychotropic medications to the lowest possible level while still achieving symptom control prior to discharge.

14.6. Medication as Chemical Restraint.

An organization shall not use chemical restraints unless permitted otherwise by its specific rules. ~~If an organization uses medications for the purpose of anger and agitation management on an on-going basis,~~

~~the medications shall be accompanied by specific educational or therapeutic interventions designed to teach the child to modulate and control his or her emotions.~~

14.7. Case Records.

14.7.1. The organization shall maintain a case record for each child served that shall be retained for a minimum of 5 years following the child's 18th birthday.

14.7.2. Case records are confidential and access to case records is limited to:

14.7.2.a. The child and as appropriate, his or her parent, guardian or attorney, unless legally contraindicated;

14.7.2.b. Employees authorized to see specific information on a "need-to-know" basis; and

14.7.2.c. Others outside the organization whose access to the information contained in case records is permitted by law.

14.7.3. When not being used by authorized employees, case files should be returned to a secure area.

14.7.4. The case record shall comply with all legal requirements and contain, at a minimum:

14.7.4.a. Biographical or other identifying information;

14.7.4.b. Copies of custody and guardianship papers and court orders if appropriate and possible within the time frame of the program;

14.7.4.c. Reasons for referral and admission date;

14.7.4.d. Assessment information;

14.7.4.e. A master plan of care including goals and objectives of service;

14.7.4.f. Behavior support plans or therapy plans, or both, if any;

14.7.4.g. Reviews of the master plan of care as appropriate;

14.7.4.h. Reports from outside or contracted providers of service to the child;

14.7.4.i. Copies of all signed, written consent forms;

14.7.4.j. Routine documentation of ongoing services;

14.7.4.k. Documentation of incidents or investigations or reference to a separate incident file for each incident or investigation;

14.7.4.l. Documentation of any therapeutic physical restraints used by the organization with the child in question;

14.7.4.m. Documentation of medication administration for prior months;

14.7.4.n. Educational records, such as report cards, individual education plans, and class schedules, as available considering average program length;

14.7.4.o. Recommendations for ongoing or future service needs and assignment of aftercare or follow-up responsibility if needed and appropriate will be outlined in the discharge summary; and

14.7.4.p. A ~~closing~~ discharge summary will be entered within 30 days of termination or discharge.

14.7.5. The organization shall document ~~two (2) attempts requesting a reasonable effort to obtain~~ required materials.

14.7.6. When necessary and appropriate, the case record shall also include:

14.7.6.a. Legal evidence of custody;

14.7.6.b. Court ordered restrictions on the rights of persons served;

14.7.6.c. Psychological, medical, toxicological, diagnostic or psychosocial evaluations;

14.7.6.d. Copies of all written orders for medications or special treatment procedures such as diet and physical therapy;

14.7.6.e. Regular reports from contracted service providers serving the child or family;

14.7.6.f. ~~Reports relevant to the plan of care from other providers serving the child with appropriate releases of information; and~~

~~14.7.6.h.~~ Other information essential for delivering service to the child.

14.7.7. Only authorized employees may make entries into case records and all entries shall be:

14.7.7.a. Specific, factual and pertinent to the nature of the service and the needs of the persons served; and

14.7.7.b. Completed, signed, or electronically identified and dated by the person who provided the service.

14.7.8. Case records shall be clearly legible, kept up-to-date from intake through termination and contact entries shall be made within ~~24 hours, or one working day~~, unless the group is away from the main facility, in which case entries shall be made within ~~24 hours~~ one working day, of return to the main facility or program site.

~~14.8. Outside Providers of Service.~~

~~Outside providers of service to children in out of home therapeutic environments shall provide summaries of intervention and progress no less than monthly for the organization's client record unless frequency of contact is less than once per month, in which case, summaries shall be provided quarterly. The organization and the outside provider shall ensure that therapeutic interventions are consistent across settings either by joint development of plans of care or by regular and documented sharing of information. Outside providers of service include physicians, therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and other providers of service relevant to the accomplishment of the goals of the care plan.~~

~~14.9.~~ 14.8. Termination or Discharge.

~~14.9.1.~~ 14.8.1. Discharge goals plan shall be developed with the creation of the plan of care.

~~14.9.2.~~ 14.8.2. Termination or discharge shall occur when:

~~14.9.2.a.~~ 14.8.2.a. The child achieves the goals of his or her plan of care or is no longer in need of out-of-home care;

~~14.9.2.b.~~ 14.8.2.b. The child has reached maximum benefit or cannot benefit further from services provided by the organization;

~~14.9.2.c.~~ 14.8.2.c. The guardian terminates treatment;

~~14.9.2.d.~~ 14.8.2.d. The child no longer meets eligibility criteria;

~~14.9.2.e.~~ 14.8.2.e. The child refuses to meet program standards or requirements; or

~~14.9.2.f.~~ 14.8.2.f. The child completes court-ordered treatment.

~~14.9.3.~~ 14.8.3. The organization and interdisciplinary team, guardian, placement organization (such as the court), multidisciplinary team, and the person or family shall jointly plan for termination or discharge. Prior to discharge, the team shall meet to review and document the child's progress in treatment, describe continuing problems and issues and develop specific recommendations for aftercare and follow-up. The aftercare and follow-up plans or recommendations shall be provided to the child and his or her parent and guardian upon discharge.

~~14.9.4.~~ 14.8.4. The organization shall enter a closing discharge summary into the case record upon termination of service ~~or~~ within thirty 10 days of termination or discharge that:

~~14.9.4.a.~~ 14.8.4.a. Includes recommendations for any needed future services; and

~~14.9.4.b.~~ 14.8.4.b. Provides a summary of services received while in care and an assessment of service effectiveness.

~~14.9.5.~~ ~~The organization that has collaborated with other organizations or has shared case management responsibility for the child shall notify those organizations, upon termination of services, with the written consent of the person served or his or her guardian. The person served or his or her parent or guardian shall have the right to refuse the notification, which the organization shall document.~~

~~14.10.~~ 14.9. Educational Services.

~~14.10.1.~~ 14.9.1. The organization shall ~~develop~~ access an educational program for each school-age child in care.

~~14.10.2.~~ 14.9.2. All children in residential child care shall be enrolled in an educational or vocational program (depending on age and the child's expressed desire) and provided with an educational or vocational plan, as appropriate, that is integrated into his or her plan of care and complies with the requirements set forth by the State Department of Education. ~~The organization is responsible for ensuring that the child's educational credits are accepted by the child's home school or county.~~

~~14.10.3.~~ 14.9.3. When appropriate and unless clinically, programmatically or educationally contraindicated, children and transitioning adults shall be enrolled in the public school system. Organization employees shall maintain regular contact with school employees at a frequency appropriate for the severity and type of each child's problems and service needs. The organization shall have a policy practice describing the method and frequency of contact.

~~14.10.4.~~ 14.9.4. The organization shall collaborate with the public or private school so that information can be exchanged freely, and problem behaviors addressed consistently across all environments. ~~Upon admission, the organization is responsible for obtaining parent or guardian permission for information to be exchanged with the public or private school system that the child is expected to attend.~~

~~14.11.~~ 14.10 On-Ground Schools.

~~14.11.1.~~ 14.10.1. On-ground schools shall ~~meet the guidelines required by~~ operated by the State Department of Education or a county board of education. ~~At a minimum, on grounds schools shall attain Exemption A status, be a school operated by Institutional Services of the Department of Education, or be conducted in conjunction with or under the auspices of the local educational authority in the county in which the organization is operating. When possible the school shall be accredited by a state or regional accrediting body. Educational employees shall be certified to teach in the state of West Virginia. Outdoor therapeutic educational programs are exempt from this requirement and shall comply with the requirements set forth in section 20 22 of this rule.~~

~~14.11.2.~~ Educational employees shall:

~~14.11.2.a.~~ Develop and implement an educational plan for each student to be incorporated into the overall plan of care. The plan shall be appropriate for the student's assessed current level of academic functioning;

~~14.11.2.b.~~ Integrate educational goals and activities into the overall service program; and

~~14.11.2.c.~~ Involve children in community social, athletic and recreational facilities as appropriate to individual needs and readiness.

~~14.11.3.~~ There shall be an adequate educational employees to child ratio for the needs and educational goals of the children.

~~14.11.4.~~ Special education students shall be identified and managed as required by state and federal law (IDEA Public Law 105-17).

~~14.11.5. The on-ground school shall request school records upon admission of the child and provide up to date records to a new school upon request for information by a new school if the child is transferred.~~

~~14.11.6. When appropriate, the organization shall assess whether students are ready for placement in an off-campus school setting and make the placements in accord with the goals and timetables of the child's individual educational plans and with the knowledge and cooperation of the local educational authority.~~

~~14.11.7. On-ground educational employees shall facilitate school transfers and provide consultation as needed and requested to professionals in off-campus educational settings.~~

~~14.11.8. 14.10.2.~~ Therapeutic support plans developed in the residential setting shall be continued in the on-ground educational setting and vice versa. The educational program and the residential program shall communicate on a regular basis to ensure that this occurs and shall exchange data and information regularly. The organization shall have a policy practice and an interorganizational or interoffice agreement specifying how the organizations or offices will interact and the frequency of that interaction.

~~14.12. 14.11.~~ Groups and Groupings.

~~14.12.1. 14.11.1.~~ The organization shall ensure that therapeutic activities and groups shall be of an appropriate size to promote the success of the activity. ~~Generally, the therapeutic group should consist of~~ Living areas are limited to no more than 12 children.

~~14.12.2. 14.11.2.~~ ~~Groups shall be separated according to developmental functioning, sex, social skills, group dynamics, and other variables if appropriate and necessary.~~ Children shall have the right to be housed with children of the same approximate ages, developmental levels and social needs. This separation shall be a matter of organizational policy practice.

~~14.12.2.a. 14.11.2.a.~~ The organization shall not admit a child under six years of age without prior written approval from the Secretary.

~~14.12.2.b. 14.11.2.b.~~ No child over the age of five years shall occupy a bedroom with a member of the opposite sex.

~~14.13. 14.12.~~ Work Programs Employment Opportunities.

The organization may involve the child in voluntary maintenance of the facility so long as those work programs do not replace the organization's need for housekeeping and maintenance employees. Household "chores" may be required as a condition of participation in the program or as a method of moving to a more privileged level of programming. Descriptions of the work programs employment opportunities should be included in the organization's descriptions. All work programs employment opportunities shall be evaluated for their therapeutic or habilitative value. The organization shall pay the child for an activity at a level required by state or federal law if there is no therapeutic or rehabilitative value in the activity. Money earned in ~~a work program~~ an employment opportunities belongs to the child, although the organization may maintain control of the money until the child's discharge, using an accurate and on-going method of tracking disbursements and deposits, made available to the child or guardian

upon request. ~~Work programs~~ Employment opportunities other than household "chores" shall be evaluated and approved by the interdisciplinary team.

~~14.14.14.13.~~ 14.13. Programming Daily Schedules.

~~14.14.1.14.13.1.~~ 14.13.1. The program ~~interdisciplinary team~~ shall provide each child with opportunities for ~~a written daily schedule~~ of activities designed to help him or her develop positive personal and interpersonal skills and behaviors by providing activities that are individualized, as needed to meet treatment needs:

~~14.14.1.a.14.13.1.a.~~ 14.13.1.a. Appropriate to the age, behavioral level, emotional needs, strengths and interests of the child;

~~14.14.1.b.14.13.1.b.~~ 14.13.1.b. Specialized to meet the child's identified strengths and needs as described in the assessment and plan of care;

~~14.14.1.c.14.13.1.c.~~ 14.13.1.c. Normalizing and integrated into the community to the maximum extent possible given the child's clinical needs and behavioral functioning;

~~14.14.1.d.14.13.1.d.~~ 14.13.1.d. Available at all times to the employees and child; and

~~14.14.1.e.14.13.1.e.~~ 14.13.1.e. Comprehensive of all waking hours while allowing a reasonable amount of recreational, study and quiet time.

~~14.14.2.14.13.2.~~ 14.13.2. The daily schedules are not required to be archived in the child's file.

~~14.15.14.14.~~ 14.14. Employee Supervision.

~~14.15.1.14.14.1.~~ 14.14.1. At all times, the organization shall have sufficient employees to allow the number of children being served to be adequately supervised, taking into consideration the complexity of the needs of the children. The organization shall consider appointments requiring employee supervision, employee leave, possible illness of children and any other relevant factor when scheduling employee and child activities.

~~14.15.2.14.14.2.~~ 14.14.2. Except as otherwise provided by this rule, children shall be supervised at all times. Short breaks in direct supervision shall be therapeutically indicated or necessary for the child to gain independence. The supervision of each child shall be determined in relation to normalcy and the reasonable and prudent parent standard. The supervision level must be documented in the child's treatment plan that shall detail specific activities geared to support the youth's treatment needs. Generic treatment plans will not meet the intent of this regulation.

~~14.15.3.14.14.3.~~ 14.14.3. Youth actively working toward independence shall be permitted short breaks in supervision to pursue recreation, employment or educational opportunities that complement his or her plan of care.

~~14.15.4.~~ 14.14.4. The organization shall have a policy regarding ratios of employees to children specific for each of the various program settings and activities.

~~14.15.5.~~ 14.14.4. The organization shall have a policy procedure regarding employee supervision that ensures the safety, supervision and security of children who are acutely disturbed or suicidal, or both.

~~14.15.6.~~ 14.14.5. The organization shall have a policy procedure regarding supervision of children in off grounds activities that shall maximize the supervision and safety of children participating in the activities.

~~14.15.7.~~ 14.14.6. The organization shall ensure that when children leave a facility for overnight visits, there is a procedure for signing or being checked in and out of the program. The checklist or sign-in sheet shall be dated and shall include time in and out, the person responsible for the child, as appropriate, and the location at which the child may be contacted if necessary.

~~14.16.~~ 14.15. Special Services and Populations.

~~14.16.1.~~ 14.15.1. If an organization provides specialized services to a unique population (e.g., children with issues of substance abuse, children with developmental disabilities, sexually reactive children) the organization shall ensure that:

~~14.16.1.a.~~ 14.15.1.a. The service and clinical model reflects knowledge and use of the best practices available in the field;

~~14.16.1.b.~~ 14.15.1.b. Clinical and professional employee are appropriately trained and when possible certified or licensed in the area of service provided;

~~14.16.1.c.~~ 14.15.1.c. Direct care employees are specially trained to understand issues in clinical treatment of the population and able to use suitable intervention techniques when necessary and appropriate;

~~14.16.1.d.~~ 14.15.1.d. The environment and milieu of the treatment location is clinically, structurally and developmentally appropriate for the population served; and

~~14.16.1.e.~~ 14.15.1.e. The facility is suitably secure and employee ratios suitably high to ensure the supervision and safety of children served during a crisis.

~~14.16.2.~~ 14.15.2. If an organization accepts into service a child with unusual clinical or programmatic needs, or both, the organization is responsible for adapting its routine practices to meet the needs of the child in care to the greatest extent possible. If it becomes evident that the child cannot benefit from the program, even with the adaptations the organization is able to make, the organization is responsible for arranging assisting the department in identifying a more suitable placement at the earliest opportunity in conjunction with the guardian or multidisciplinary team, or both.

~~14.16.3.~~ 14.15.3. A residential program that specializes in serving children and transitioning adults with developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities shall ensure that employees are trained to properly provide habilitation services and supervision in the following areas as appropriate for the population served:

~~14.16.3.a.~~ 14.15.3.a. Feeding;

- ~~14.16.3.b.~~ 14.15.3.b. Communication with nonverbal individuals;
- ~~14.16.3.c.~~ 14.15.3.c. Use of community recreation options;
- ~~14.16.3.d.~~ 14.15.3.d. Management of self-abusive and aggressive behavior;
- ~~14.16.3.e.~~ 14.15.3.e. Adaptive living skills;
- ~~14.16.3.f.~~ 14.15.3.f. Person first language and attitudes;
- ~~14.16.3.g.~~ 14.15.3.g. Therapeutic behavioral supports; and
- ~~14.16.3.h.~~ 14.15.3.h. Implementation of the principles of normalization-normalcy.

~~14.16.4.~~ 14.15.4. When serving individuals with developmental disabilities for more than 30 days, the program shall provide supportive services to help them fully interact with the community and achieve maximum independence. If the organization provides or contracts for the provision of therapeutic services such as individual therapy, it shall ensure that therapeutic interventions are adapted for the developmental functioning of the child.

~~14.16.5.~~ 14.15.5. An organization that provides services to children with developmental disabilities shall adhere to and implement ~~the Principles of Normalization normalcy~~ and adapt the organization's therapeutic facilities to meet the developmental needs of the child.

~~14.16.6.~~ 14.15.6. The organization shall provide children with ~~substance abuse problems co-occurring presenting issues~~ with specialized services to meet their needs as identified in the comprehensive assessment. The organization shall arrange for detoxification and inpatient services to meet any emergency needs of children.

~~14.16.7.~~ 14.15.7. The organization shall ensure that children are provided with therapeutic and didactic interventions that directly address his or her substance abuse and any deficits in adaptive functioning relating to or concurrent with the abuse of substances.

~~14.16.8.~~ 14.15.8. If the organization specializes in ~~substance abuse treatment co-occurring presenting issues~~, employee training shall comprehensively address the latest information, theories and techniques in:

- ~~14.16.8.a.~~ 14.15.8.a. Identification, diagnosis and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse;
- ~~14.16.8.b.~~ 14.15.8.b. The concept of chemical dependency as a disease; and
- ~~14.16.8.c.~~ 14.15.8.c. Prevention activities that address both primary and relapse prevention.

~~14.16.9.~~ 14.15.9. When the initial assessment indicates the presence of a sexually sensitive history (either as offender or victim) the organization shall:

~~14.16.9.a. 14.15.9.a.~~ Obtain either directly or by contract or referral ~~information~~ a thorough assessment of the sexual history and functioning of the child, attending in particular to episodes of victimization or offense;

~~14.16.9.b. 14.15.9.b.~~ Obtain either directly or by contract or referral specialized treatment interventions ~~or services~~ as appropriate; and

~~14.16.9.c. 14.15.9.c.~~ ~~Ensure that the child is appropriately housed and supervised in order to ensure the safety of all of the children~~ Consider the child's history when making determination regarding housing and supervision in order to ensure the safety of all the children.

~~14.16.10. 14.15.10.~~ If the organization specializes in the treatment of ~~sexual offenders children~~ with sexualized behaviors:

~~14.16.10.a. 14.15.10.a.~~ The milieu shall be organized and maintained in such a way as to maximize the safety and supervision of the children at all times; and

~~14.16.10.b. 14.15.10.b.~~ Employees shall be specially trained in the supervision and treatment of ~~sexually reactive children~~ sexualized behaviors in children; and

~~14.16.10.c. 14.15.10.c.~~ Professional employees shall be trained and certified as appropriate in the treatment of ~~sexually reactive~~ sexualized behaviors in children or shall be in the process of obtaining certification and properly supervised by certified employees.

~~14.16.11. 14.15.11.~~ If the organization discovers that a child is pregnant and it is not a Maternity and Parenting Program, it shall provide or make referral for the following health services, at a minimum, until other arrangements are made;

~~14.16.11.a. 14.15.11.a.~~ Fetal alcohol syndrome screening;

~~14.16.11.b. 14.15.11.b.~~ Prenatal care;

~~14.16.11.c. 14.15.11.c.~~ Well-baby care; and

~~14.16.11.d. 14.15.11.d.~~ Parenting skills instruction.

~~14.17. 14.16.~~ Health Services.

~~14.17.1. 14.16.1.~~ The organization shall have a procedure in place to ensure emergency medical care for all its children on a 24-hour basis.

~~14.17.2. 14.16.2.~~ Each child shall have upon admission or receive within 72 hours of admission a current medical screening by a qualified medical practitioner (EPSDT). The screening shall document:

~~14.17.2.a. 14.16.2.a.~~ A general history of the child's and family's health;

~~14.17.2.b. 14.16.2.b.~~ The patient's current medications;

~~14.17.2.c. 14.16.2.c.~~ Allergies;

~~14.17.2.d, 14.16.2.d.~~ Pertinent medical problems requiring nursing attention;

~~14.17.2.e, 14.16.2.e.~~ Current risk and safety factors;

~~14.17.2.f, 14.16.2.f.~~ Nutritional status;

~~14.17.2.g, 14.16.2.g.~~ Immunization status, and

~~14.17.2.h, 14.16.2.h.~~ Sleep patterns.

~~14.17.3, 14.16.3.~~ In facilities with stays of longer than 30 days duration, appropriate dental assessments shall be conducted at least annually to include provision of any routine dental care as recommended by the evaluating dentist.

~~14.17.4, 14.16.4.~~ Health services shall also include, in facilities with stays of longer than thirty 30 days duration, age appropriate instruction regarding:

~~14.17.4.a, 14.16.4.a.~~ Pregnancy prevention,

~~14.17.4.b, 14.16.4.b.~~ AIDS/HIV and STD prevention,

~~14.17.4.c, 14.16.4.c.~~ Nutrition;

~~14.17.4.d, 14.16.4.d.~~ Laboratory or other diagnostic work as prescribed by a physician; and,

~~14.17.4.e, 14.16.4.e.~~ Other general information about the prevention and treatment of disease.

~~14.17.5, 14.16.5.~~ Educational services shall also be provided regarding psychotropic medications and mental health as age appropriate and necessary. When possible, the family of origin or expected family of projected placement shall be educated as well.

~~14.18, 14.17.~~ Clothing.

~~14.18.1, 14.17.1.~~ The organization shall ensure that each child in care has adequate, clean, well fitting, attractive and seasonable clothing as required for health, comfort and physical well-being and as appropriate to age, sex and individual needs. The child shall be encouraged to participate in the selection of clothing.

~~14.18.2, 14.17.2.~~ A child's clothing shall ~~be identifiable his or her own and~~ not be shared in common.

~~14.18.3, 14.17.3.~~ Clothing shall be kept clean and in good repair. The child shall be involved in the care and maintenance of his or her clothing. As appropriate, laundering, ironing and sewing facilities equipment shall be accessible to the child.

~~14.18.4, 14.17.4.~~ When uniforms are required, the child and parents or guardians shall be advised of this requirement prior to admission.

~~14.18.5, 14.17.5.~~ The organization shall ensure that discharge plans make provisions for clothing needs at the time of discharge. All personal clothing shall go with a child when he or she is discharged or arrangements shall be made if the child was not able to leave with his or her personal belongings.

~~14.19, 14.18.~~ Personal Belongings.

The organization shall allow a child to bring personal belongings to the program and to acquire belongings. However, the organization shall, as necessary, limit or supervise the use of these items. Provisions shall be made for the protection of a child's property. The organization shall provide a list of items that are not appropriate for the child to have at the program upon intake.

~~14.20, 14.19.~~ Personal Hygiene.

~~14.20.1, 14.19.1.~~ Procedures to ensure that children receive assistance and training education in personal care, hygiene and grooming appropriate to their age, sex gender identity, race and culture shall be established.

~~14.20.2, 14.19.2.~~ The organization shall ensure that children are provided with all necessary toiletry items.

~~14.20.3, 14.19.3.~~ A child shall be permitted a reasonable degree of freedom in selecting a style of wearing his or her hair and clothing.

~~14.21, 14.20.~~ Religion and Culture.

~~14.21.1, 14.20.1.~~ Children shall have the opportunity to participate in religious activities and services in accordance with their own faith. The organization, when necessary, shall arrange transportation.

~~14.21.2, 14.20.2.~~ Children may not be coerced or required to attend religious activities.

~~14.21.3, 14.20.3.~~ The organization shall provide opportunities for involvement of ~~involve~~ children in cultural or ethnic activities, appropriate to their own cultural or ethnic background.

§78-3-15. Restrictive Behavioral Interventions.

15.1. Legal Compliance.

15.1.1. Restrictive behavior management techniques include: restraint (physical, mechanical or chemical) and seclusion. The organization shall have a policy with specific procedures to govern the use of these techniques. The policy shall delineate the circumstances under which these techniques may be used and shall describe which techniques may be used in precise language. Unless indicated otherwise in this rule, restraints are to be used only in an emergency when there is imminent risk of the child physically harming himself or herself or others, including employees. Non-physical interventions are the first choice as an intervention, unless safety issues demand an immediate physical response. Restrictive behavior management techniques are not to be used as a part of an approved plan of care.

15.1.2. Group restraints incorporating peers as restrainers or observers are prohibited in any treatment environment.

15.1.3. Seclusion, chemical and mechanical restraints shall be used only in facilities with explicit permission to do so as described in this rule (i.e. psychiatric residential treatment facilities and intermediate care facilities).

15.2. General Guidelines.

15.2.1. Restrictive behavior management techniques shall be used only in emergency situations to protect individuals from harming themselves or others and not as part of an on-going plan of care.

15.2.2. Use of the techniques shall conform to federal guidelines ~~when guidelines exist~~ unless the guidelines are less stringent than those described in this rule.

15.2.3. The organization shall maintain comprehensive data on the use of any restrictive behavior management practices, collected individually for each organization or program it manages, and shall summarize and review that data quarterly. An annual report shall be made to the governing body by the safety committee or officer.

15.2.4. At admission each child shall be assessed for his or her potential need for use of restrictive behavior management interventions. The assessment shall include:

15.2.4.a. The potential for risk of harm to himself, herself or others;

15.2.4.b. Antecedents (if known) to out of control behavior;

15.2.4.c. Effectiveness (if known) of previous use of these interventions;

15.2.4.d. Psychological or social factors such as psychosis, claustrophobia or; a history of sexual or physical abuse that would influence the use of the practices; and

15.2.4.e. Medical factors that might put the person at risk in a restraint.

15.2.5. If the child is judged likely to require the use of restrictive behavior management techniques, employees shall be alerted to any considerations identified in the assessment and trained appropriately.

15.2.6. The organization shall ensure and document that the parent or legal guardian:

15.2.6.a. Received notification in writing at the time of admission that these interventions are used by the organization;

15.2.6.b. Received a copy of the behavior management protocol; and

15.2.6.c. Was notified immediately if a restraint was used unless the guardian has requested otherwise.

15.2.7. The organization shall prohibit the following:

15.2.7.a. Use of restrictive behavior management techniques in non-crisis or emergency situations, as a form of coercion or discipline, or for the convenience of employees;

15.2.7.b. Excessive or inappropriate use of restrictive behavior management techniques; and

15.2.7.c. The application of restrictive behavior management interventions by other persons served or any person other than trained, qualified employees.

~~15.2.8. A trained observer should be present whenever possible.~~

~~15.2.9.~~ The condition of the restrained or secluded person shall be monitored. Consciousness, respiration, agitation, mental status, skin color and skin integrity should be monitored continuously.

~~15.2.10.~~ 15.2.9. Properly trained Employees identified as medical professionals should have the authority to continue or stop a specific behavioral intervention based on health issues.

~~15.2.11.~~ 15.2.10. The organization employee shall discontinue restrictive behavior management interventions immediately if they produce adverse side effects such as illness, severe emotional or physical stress or physical damage and obtain immediate medical treatment for the child.

15.3. Training.

15.3.1. All employees with direct contact with children shall receive documented training in the organization's restrictive behavior management practices.

15.3.2. All direct care, supervisory and clinical employees shall receive initial and ongoing competency-based training on the organization's restrictive behavior management policies, procedures and practices appropriate for the type of program.

15.3.3. The training shall include:

15.3.3.a. Recognizing situations, including medical conditions that may lead to a crisis;

15.3.3.b. Recognizing unique situations that preclude the use of restraints (medical issues, sexual reactivity, etc.);

15.3.3.c. Understanding how employee behavior can influence the behavior of persons served; and

15.3.3.d. Using appropriate methods for de-escalating volatile situations, including verbal techniques, mediation, distraction and diversion and other non-restrictive ways of dealing with aggressive or out of control behavior.

15.4. Physical Restraint.

15.4.1. Written procedures shall govern the use of physical restraint. They shall specify that:

15.4.1.a. Physical restraint may be used only in emergency or crisis situations to protect individuals from harming themselves or others;

15.4.1.b. Employees shall use the least restrictive, safest and most effective methods generally accepted in the field;

15.4.1.c. Physical restraint may be used in each instance only when less restrictive measures have proven to be ineffective or in an immediately dangerous situation that precludes the use of other interventions;

15.4.1.d. The decision to use physical restraint shall take into account an analysis that determines that the risk of the individual's behavior to himself, herself or others outweighs the potential risk of the use of physical restraint. This analysis shall be documented as soon as possible after the use of the restraint;

15.4.1.e. Physical restraint shall be discontinued as soon as possible;

15.4.1.f. All direct service employees shall have access to a copy of written policies and procedures regarding the appropriate and limited use of physical restraint;

15.4.1.g. A continuing monitoring system shall be kept documenting the names of employees restraining children, the names or identifiers for children restrained, the date and the time of restraint, other individuals involved, the circumstances and reasons for physical restraint, the amount of time the child is restrained, less restrictive measure utilized, and documentation of supervisory review and clinical justification;

15.4.1.h. Use of physical restraint shall be documented in the person's case record;

15.4.1.i. Use of a physical restraint shall result in completion of a report;

15.4.1.j. Significant injuries occurring during a physical restraint shall be reported to the Institutional Investigative Unit under mandatory reporting requirements; and

15.4.1.k. The organization shall have documentation of notification of the parent or guardian unless he or she indicates in writing that he or she does not wish the notification or unless the parent or guardian has specified parameters for notification (i.e., in case of injury during restraint).

~~15.4.2. The clinical justification, use, employees involved, circumstances, efforts to employ less restrictive measures and length of application shall be clearly documented for each instance of physical restraint.~~

~~15.4.3. The organization shall have designated staff who shall review each incident of physical restraint no later than one working day after its use.~~

~~15.4.4. 15.4.3. Physical restraint may not be used;~~

~~15.4.4.a. 15.4.3.a. To force a child into compliance;~~

~~15.4.4.b. 15.4.3.b. In response to cursing or screaming;~~

~~15.4.4.c. 15.4.3.c. For refusal to participate in an activity; or~~

~~15.4.4.d. 15.4.3.d. For failure to join a group activity. (covered above)~~

~~15.4.5. 15.4.4.~~ The use of physical restraints shall be discontinued as soon as possible, and shall be limited to guidelines of the crisis intervention model the organization follows and state and federal law ~~the following maximum time per episode:~~

~~15.4.5.a. Fifteen minutes for children aged nine and younger; and~~

~~15.4.5.b. Thirty minutes for persons aged ten and older.~~

~~15.4.6. 15.4.5.~~ Employees shall make periodic attempts to free the child during the period in which the restraint is employed. ~~Can go against the crisis intervention treatment model guidelines and protocols.~~

~~15.4.7. 15.4.6.~~ If the restraint extends longer than recommended guidelines, the organization shall document the reason for the extended restraint and describe action taken to prevent further use of extended physical restraint.

~~15.4.8. 15.4.7.~~ Following each instance of physical restraint, a meeting shall be held within 24 hours that includes the appropriate employees (the employees restraining children and supervisory employees) and the person restrained (if developmentally and clinically appropriate) to:

~~15.4.8.a. 15.4.7.a.~~ Evaluate the well-being of the person served and identify the need for counseling or other services related to the incident;

~~15.4.8.b. 15.4.7.b.~~ Identify antecedent behaviors and modify the care plan as appropriate;
and

~~15.4.8.c. 15.4.7.c.~~ Analyze how the incident was handled.

~~15.4.9. 15.4.8.~~ Employees and designated supervisory employees shall discuss necessary changes to procedures or employee training, or both, in order to preclude further restraints to the maximum extent possible. Recommendations shall be documented.

§78-3-16. Critical Incidents and Crisis Management.

16.1. Abuse and Neglect.

16.1.1. The organization shall have a policy procedure regarding identification and reporting of instances of alleged abuse or neglect of children in its care that shall be in compliance with W. Va. Code §49-2-801 ~~(Part VIII)~~ et seq.

16.1.2. Definitions of abuse and neglect and procedures regarding reporting of abuse and neglect shall be consistent with those established by state law.

16.1.3. The employees, volunteers and management of any organization are considered to be mandatory reporters by State Law and are required to report any and all allegations of abuse and neglect

to the appropriate state authorities as required in W. Va. Code §49-2-801 (Part VIII). All allegations of abuse and neglect shall be immediately reported ~~by telephone~~ to the Institutional Investigative Unit of the Department via a telephone call to the Child Abuse Hotline. Within 48 hours of the incident, the organization shall prepare a written incident report, ~~which that~~ shall be available to the Institutional Investigative Unit upon request. The Institutional Investigative Unit will inform the organization if an investigation of the incident shall be conducted. If the Institutional Investigative Unit indicates that there shall be no Institutional Investigative Unit investigation the allegation shall be downgraded to a critical incident and the organization shall proceed with a full investigation.

16.1.3.a. The organization shall limit internal assessment of an incident to ensuring the safety of the children in placement without compromising the Department's subsequent investigation.

16.1.4. All incidents that have harmed or may have represented potential harm to a child or children shall result in the completion of an incident form. Incidents suspected of being subject to mandatory reporting requirements as defined by W. Va. Code ~~§49-801-1 (Part 8)~~ 49-2-801, et seq. shall be reported to the Institutional Investigative Unit according to organization policy and procedures. This shall include medication errors with negative outcome for the child and any injuries occurring in the course of a restraint.

16.1.5. The organization shall cooperate fully in an investigation of any incident and shall provide all information requested by the Department.

16.1.6. Any investigations completed by the organization shall be maintained ~~in a central file~~ and made available to the state regulatory agency.

16.1.7. In all cases, the organization shall take the actions necessary to protect the child from further harm until an investigation is completed. An incident involving the alleged sexual abuse or physical abuse causing a serious physical injury to a child by an employee of the organization requires that the employee be removed from direct service work with children until the investigation is completed. Otherwise, the organization shall have a procedure in place for management of employees alleged to have abused or neglected a child that may include any or all of the following:

16.1.7.a. Removal from duty pending investigation;

16.1.7.b. Increased supervision to ensure child safety;

16.1.7.c. Transfer to a substantially different area of the organization with different children (higher developmental functioning, different sex, etc.);

16.1.7.d. Transfer to a different more closely supervised shift;

16.1.7.e. Transfer to different job responsibilities that does not include contact with children; and

~~16.1.7.f. Other appropriate actions as indicated by the circumstances.~~

16.2. Critical Incidents.

16.2.1. The organization is responsible for monitoring and investigating any incident that may have had the potential for harming a child emotionally or physically with the exception of those incidents investigated by the Institutional Investigative Unit. Critical incidents include but are not limited to the following:

- 16.2.1.a. Attempted suicide with some potential for being lethal;
- 16.2.1.b. Behavior likely to lead to serious injury or significant property damage;
- 16.2.1.c. Fire resulting in injury;
- 16.2.1.d. Behavior resulting in interruption of services including the necessity for movement to a more intensive level of care;
- ~~16.2.1.e.~~ Major involvement with law enforcement authorities;
- ~~16.2.1.f.~~ 16.2.1.e. Possession of illicit substances including alcohol;
- ~~16.2.1.g.~~ 16.2.1.f. Possession of weapons;
- ~~16.2.1.h.~~ 16.2.1.g. Injury resulting in hospitalization or medical treatment;
- ~~16.2.1.i.~~ 16.2.1.h. Significant reaction to a medication or food;
- ~~16.2.1.j.~~ 16.2.1.i. Medication errors with negative outcome that the Institutional Investigative Unit determines it will not investigate;
- ~~16.2.1.k.~~ 16.2.1.i. Dietary errors resulting in negative outcome for the child;
- ~~16.2.1.l.~~ 16.2.1.k. Extended and unauthorized absence of a child that exceeds his or her plan of care provision for community access;
- ~~16.2.1.m.~~ 16.2.1.l. Significant injuries of unknown origin; and
- ~~16.2.1.n.~~ 16.2.1.m. Any other incident determined by the organization/program to be a critical incident judged by employees, management or other individual to be significant and to potentially have a negative impact on the child.

16.2.2. For the purposes of sorting mandatory reporting incidents from other incidents, the issue of lack of appropriate employee oversight shall always be considered. If the incident is attributed to lack of employee oversight, it shall be upgraded to a mandatory reporting incident.

16.2.3. All critical incidents shall be reviewed by the organization and appropriate action taken as necessary. ~~documented, then investigated by a designated member of the organization's safety committee, or similar committee. The investigation shall result in a report that will be reviewed by the administrator or his or her designee within five working days of the occurrence of the incident or within five days of notification by the Institutional Investigative Unit that it will not investigate. The report shall describe the incident, possible antecedents, consequences, witnesses, time of day, length of the incident, the individuals involved and any other information necessary for quality improvement and risk~~

~~management. Whenever possible, all witnesses should be interviewed, and the results of the intake documented.~~

~~16.2.4. All facilities will also encounter incidents that are not necessarily critical in nature, but that will require investigation. Again, lack of employee oversight shall always be evaluated as an issue. If that lack led to a negative outcome for the child, it shall be upgraded to mandatory reporting. Injuries of unknown origin shall also always be evaluated and considered for potential of abuse in protected populations.~~

~~16.2.5. If a pattern of non critical incidents is identified, the organization shall refer to the quality assurance team for a thorough investigation of incidents typical of the pattern.~~

~~16.2.6. The organization shall keep a central administrative file of all incident reports and any ensuing investigations.~~

~~16.2.7. Incident reports shall be completed prior to the end of the shift of the reporter or individual involved. The program supervisor shall review and sign off on the report within one working day. The organization shall immediately make reports to the Institutional Investigative Unit when appropriate. Written reports shall follow within 48 hours. Internal investigations shall be completed within five days of the incident or within five days of notification by the Institutional Investigative Unit that it will not investigate, depending on the nature of the incident.~~

~~16.2.8. The organization shall regularly and at least every 90 days submit all incident reports either to the organization's safety committee or officer for review. That review shall result in an annual report to the governing body and shall be used to improve quality and safety of care to the children in service. (Covered in 16.2.1's)~~

16.3. Emergency Medical Services.

16.3.1. The organization shall have ~~a specific policy and~~ written procedures for directing employees in case of medical emergencies.

16.3.2. All employees shall have access to the procedures and to a list of emergency numbers ~~as required by the policy.~~

16.3.3. All employees shall be trained in emergency medical procedures ~~as specified in the policy.~~

16.3.4. Residential direct care employees shall have at a minimum the availability of telephone contact with supervisory employees on a 24-hour basis. Telephone numbers for supervisory employees and schedules of on-call responsibility shall be readily available to all employees at all times.

16.4. Deaths.

All children's deaths shall be reported to law enforcement, the Institutional Investigative Unit through DHHR Centralized Intake and the licensing specialist, the child's DHHR caseworker, the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification, the coroner of the county in which the organization is located, and the DHHR will notify other state or federal agencies as required by law within ~~twenty-four~~ 24 hours.

§78-3-17. Group Residential Child Care and Treatment.**17.1. Employee Ratios and Training.**

17.1.1. Employees, for the purposes of this section, are those individuals who are:

17.1.1.a. Fully oriented and trained according to organizational policy; and

17.1.1.b. Have job responsibilities that pertain only to the provision of child care, treatment and supervision.

17.1.2. ~~The group residential program shall have a policy regarding care and supervision of children that ensures that:~~

~~17.1.2.a. Children receive adequate supervision for their age, developmental functioning and emotional and behavioral needs; and~~

~~17.1.2.b. The care plan as developed by the interdisciplinary team is implemented for each child.~~

17.1.3. Children shall be cared for and supervised at the following levels, with clinically justified modifications when house parents are employed:

17.1.3.a. Minimum employee to child ratios as described within specific program rules shall be maintained at all times; and

17.1.3.b. Additional or back-up care employees shall be available for emergency situations or to meet special needs presented by the persons in care.

17.1.4. The organization shall have a policy procedure regarding the supervision of children in off-grounds activities that shall ensure that the children are adequately supervised at all times.

17.1.5. As appropriate to the ages and needs of persons in care, the organization shall ensure that one or more trained professional employees are on duty or available via an on-call system on a 24-hour basis to provide continuous supervision to each residential living unit within a residential program.

17.1.6. The organization that uses a house parent model shall have a policy that ensures the safety and supervision of children at night.

17.2. Environmental Issues.

17.2.1. To the maximum extent possible, the organization providing group residential services shall be non-institutional in appearance and practices. Each child or transitioning adult shall be permitted to have personal space, personal possessions and a place to store those possessions unless clinically contraindicated. Each child is expected to assume some responsibility for an aspect of care of living environment (cleaning, cooking, etc.) on an ongoing basis.

~~17.2.2. The organization shall ensure that residential living units within the milieu consist of no more than 12 children. The size of the groups shall be dictated by their function and some may be smaller~~

~~than 12 members. Group therapeutic and residential living activities should be conducted in an appropriately sized group format, taking into consideration best practice standards for the gender, developmental status, and diagnosis of the members.~~

~~17.2.3. Children shall have clearly identifiable schedules and activities. Each child shall have a schedule that identifies therapy times, chore or work assignments, school hours, and other activities.~~

~~17.2.4. Employees shall be available in sufficient quantity and with appropriate credentials to address the needs of the child as identified by the assessment and interdisciplinary team process, covered in 14.~~

17.2.5. The residential program that permits pets shall follow written procedures that address their availability, care, feeding, and maintenance that includes at a minimum, have a documented veterinary evaluation and vaccinations as recommended by the veterinarian in writing.

17.2.6. Service elements unique to the population:

17.2.6.a. If the residential program permits children to operate vehicles while in placement, it shall do so under the following conditions:

17.2.6.a.1. The child has a valid West Virginia driver's permit or license;

17.2.6.a.2. The child's vehicle, if any, is appropriately licensed and insured; and

17.2.6.a.3. The child receives permission in writing from his or her parent or guardian.

~~17.2.6.b. The organization shall have a written plan of basic daily routines that shall be available to all employees and updated regularly.~~

~~17.2.6.b.1. Children shall participate in planning daily routines.~~

~~17.2.6.b.2. Children shall have set routines for waking and going to bed. (covered in 14)~~

~~17.2.6.c. The organization shall encourage and arrange for children to participate in community and school functions and recreational activities on an individual basis. (covered in 14)~~

§78-3-18. Residential Crisis Support/Emergency Shelter Care for Vulnerable Children.

18.1. Service Description.

18.1.1. Children's emergency shelter care services are provided to children in need of room, board, supervision and support during a familial or personal crisis.

18.1.2. Children's emergency shelter care services are provided to all children unless services are limited to a specific target population through a written program description or through contract with the Secretary.

18.1.3. Children's emergency shelter care is responsible for making reasonable efforts to assist individuals to find appropriate placement if admission is impossible because of census, program description, or client variables.

18.1.4. When children are provided shelter without permission of a parent or guardian, the organization shall:

18.1.4.a. Establish the child's legal status;

18.1.4.b. Conduct a brief interview to ascertain the circumstances of the need for admission;

18.1.4.c. Notify the parent or guardian of the admission unless the Shelter documents that the child;

18.1.4.c.1. Is an emancipated minor;

18.1.4.c.2. Has reached age of majority; or

18.1.4.c.3. Could be endangered as a result of notification.

18.1.4.d. Notify the local representative of the Department; and

18.1.4.e. Obtain authorization to provide care for the child if appropriate and necessary.

18.1.4.f. The child shall be informed of the planned notification that shall occur immediately after admission.

18.1.5. Stays in the shelter are voluntary unless the child has been ordered into the facility by a legal entity with authority to do so. If a child voluntarily enrolled as a participant chooses to leave the facility, employees shall document efforts to persuade him or her to remain or to arrange safe alternative placement, or both. If in the employee's assessment, the child is not capable of adequate self-protection, the employee will take action as delineated by the Department's policy.

18.1.6. Children in Shelter care shall be supervised at all times unless the child is engaged in an activity away from supervision authorized by the clinical team (e.g., home visit, public school, employment, etc.). The shelter shall ensure that when children leave the building, there is a procedure for signing or being checked in and out. The checklist or sign-in sheet shall be dated and shall include the time in/out, the person responsible for the child, as appropriate, and the location at which the child may be contacted if necessary.

18.1.7. The shelter shall have policies and procedures for expelling an individual from a shelter. Policies and procedures shall be described in an understandable fashion to the individual at admission and he or she shall also receive a copy of policies regarding standards of conduct in the shelter at that time. Policies and procedures shall:

18.1.7.a. Define the reasons or conditions for which an individual may be expelled;

18.1.7.b. Delineate a clearly defined process for expulsion, including timely due process provisions;

18.1.7.c. Describe the conditions or process for re-admission to the shelter; and

18.1.7.d. Require that all reasonable efforts be made to provide an appropriate alternative placement.

18.1.8. All shelters provide services that are designed to meet the immediate safety and ~~survival~~ basic needs of the child. As such, they shall provide, either directly or by referral, the following:

18.1.8.a. Sleeping accommodations;

18.1.8.b. Food;

18.1.8.c. Clothing;

18.1.8.d. Personal hygiene supplies and facilities;

18.1.8.e. Crisis intervention;

18.1.8.f. Case management and assistance;

18.1.8.g. A mailing address;

18.1.8.h. Information and referral for services;

18.1.8.i. Linkage to medical services;

18.1.8.j. Eyes-on supervision;

18.1.8.k. Supportive group counseling;

18.1.8.l. Supportive individual counseling;

18.1.8.m. Access to recreational activities; and

18.1.8.n. Educational assistance, if necessary.

18.1.9. The Shelter shall:

18.1.9.a. Provide prompt admission;

18.1.9.b. Emphasize short term stay by working aggressively to arrange more appropriate alternative placement;

~~18.1.9.c. Provide an organized written program of daily activities for each child that includes social, recreational and educational activities;~~

Covered in daily schedules language section 14.

18.1.9.d. Provide sex trafficking prevention programming that shall include (i) education about sex trafficking including what it is and the prevalence of it; (ii) education about understanding one's vulnerabilities and how to protect self from traffickers; (iii) education about how to enhance the child's existing support system of family, friends, and community; (iv) education about services for housing, homelessness prevention, and educational support; and (v) education to prevent running away.

18.1.9.e. Promote continued contact and communication between a parent or guardian and his or her child unless legally or clinically contraindicated; and

18.1.9.f. Assist in developing supportive aftercare or other services to ameliorate the problems that led to the need for the shelter.

18.1.10. Shelters are exempt from subsection 14.10. (educational services) of this rule for stays of 30 days or less. Shelters shall:

18.1.10.a. Informally evaluate educational needs upon admission of school-age children;

18.1.10.b. Arrange admission to the public school system; and

18.1.10.c. Provide educational activities for each school age child in the Shelter environment as required by the state Department of Education.

18.2. Employee Ratios and Training.

The Shelter shall have the following employees who are trained on prudent parenting standards:

18.2.1. Direct care employees who provide continuous supervision for children 24 hours per day at ratio of not less than 1-to-5 with one employee present at all times in each residential living unit and one employee present at all times who is authorized to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standards to decisions involving the participation of the child in age- or developmentally-appropriate activities;

18.2.2. A shelter manager to provide coordination and supervision of employees and operations, possessing a minimum of a bachelor's degree and two years' experience in working either in management or with children and families;

18.2.3. A consulting licensed psychologist, available as needed by employees or the children;

18.2.4. A case manager or service coordinator, to provide case management services and supportive counseling. The minimum educational requirements are a bachelor's degree and one-year experience working with children and families. The case manager shall be appropriately supervised on a regularly documented basis by a qualified behavioral health clinician or social worker;

18.2.5. A consulting registered nurse available onsite at least weekly who is responsible for:

18.2.5.a. Performing nursing assessments on each child within five working days of admission;

18.2.5.b. Completing medication administration records for each child, updated as necessary;

18.2.5.c. Monitoring medication administration including supervising Approved Medication Assistance employees if necessary;

18.2.5.d. Assessing children for their ability to self-medicate under supervised conditions and developing appropriate educational materials or facilities for educating children about their medications or other health conditions;

18.2.5.e. Educating employees to meet the demands of children with unusual health conditions such as diabetes, epilepsy, etc.; and

18.2.5.f. Monitoring medication availability, storage, record-keeping, and disposal and medication errors.

18.3. Treatment Teams.

Shelter treatment teams shall consist of the child if developmentally appropriate, a direct care employee, the case manager and the shelter manager at a minimum. The consulting psychologist shall review and approve all activities of the treatment team if he or she was not an active participant. When appropriate for children with medical issues, the consulting nurse shall also be a member of the team or shall approve the team's activities in writing. The organization shall notify parents or guardians and the child's social worker and request they participate in team activities unless timelines for team activities prohibit such involvement or parental or guardian participation is not clinically or legally appropriate. The social worker shall receive a copy of the team's actions within 24 hours if not a direct participant.

18.4. Care Plans.

18.4.1. Shelters are exempt from the plan of care subsections 13.3. and 13.4. of this rule as long as the child is present in the facility less than ~~thirty~~ 30 days. If the child is present in the facility for ~~thirty~~ 30 or more days, ~~an extended a master~~ plan of care shall be developed as required by subsection 13.4. of this rule and all other aspects of the rule apply with regard to service delivery, master plans of care, and reviews of plans of care.

18.4.2. Upon admission, the Shelter shall complete the collection of any background material and history available either from the child, a social worker, or a parent or guardian. From that information, the Shelter shall develop an intake plan that shall describe the following:

18.4.2.a. Further testing, evaluation or collection of information necessary to complete the comprehensive assessment of the child and tentative timelines for completion of that assessment;

18.4.2.b. Safety plans or behavioral protocols, if necessary, to deal with any predictable inappropriate behaviors (e.g., need for eyes on at all times, employee to child ratio of one to one, likelihood of sexual reactivity, etc.);

18.4.2.c. Plans for referrals for the necessary medical screenings; and

18.4.2.d. Permission to administer properly bottled prescription and non-prescription medications brought in by the child.

18.4.3. The intake plan shall be completed within ~~twenty-four~~ 24 hours and approved by the admitting parent or guardian within ~~seventy-two~~ 72 hours.

18.4.4. Within seven days, the shelter shall develop a list of problems identified in the assessment. The list may include not only behavioral health problems but also legal, familial, financial, medical and academic problems, among others. The shelter shall determine through an interdisciplinary team meeting those problems that the shelter intends to address prior to discharge and those problems that may need to be addressed in an aftercare plan. At all times, consideration shall be given to improving the child's relationship with his or her family unless clinically or legally contraindicated.

18.4.5. The shelter shall provide objectives for each problem that it has determined that it shall address prior to discharge.

18.4.6. Objectives shall be stated in simple language, understandable to the child whenever possible.

18.4.7. The intervention to be used in addressing the objective shall be described and the person or persons responsible named, if appropriate.

18.4.8. If an objective includes an individual or group therapy intervention, the intervening organization or provider, whether the shelter's employee or a contractual or other provider to whom the organization refers, shall be responsible for developing a specific therapy plan that describes the processes the therapist intends to use, in specific language, and the skills to be learned or behaviors to be increased or reduced by the child. If necessary, a plan or protocol shall be provided to direct care employees to attempt to generalize behaviors discussed in therapy to the shelter environment. Outside providers shall be responsible for providing written feedback to the shelter prior to discharge, in writing, regarding progress made in therapy or lack thereof and rationale for the lack of progress.

18.4.9. Physicians or qualified medical practitioners providing services to children in the shelter, whether by contractual or referral relationship, shall be responsible for communicating with the shelter nurse regarding medication changes, and for providing written records regarding changes in medications and the rationale for the changes.

18.4.10. The shelter shall provide a nationally recognized behavioral health program for known victims of sex trafficking; and

18.4.11. The programming shall provide opportunities for children to experience some of the same normalizing experiences as their peers not in foster care.

18.5. Behavior Plans.

18.5.1. If a child requires a specific behavior support plan or a protocol for employees to use in dealing with an inappropriate behavior, the plan or protocol shall be in writing and shall be in terms that make it clear to direct care employees:

18.5.1.a. The behaviors to be monitored and modified;

18.5.1.b. The precise action to be taken by employees if the behavior occurs; and

18.5.1.c. The documentation employees are responsible for supplying, if any.

18.6. Reviews of Plans of Care.

The treatment team shall meet to review progress in implementing the plan of care and to modify it, as necessary, on a monthly basis when a youth stays beyond 30 days. The plan of care shall be a flexible document to which may be added additional problems or objectives, as they become identified in the assessment process. Other problems may be resolved and objectives discontinued as they become irrelevant or are achieved. A copy of any revisions to the plan shall be sent to the child's social worker for approval if the social worker is not available for the team meeting. Parents or guardians shall also receive amendments unless clinically or legally contraindicated.

18.7. Planning for Discharge.

The treatment team of the shelter shall begin planning for discharge at admission. When possible, seven days prior to discharge the child, his or her parent or guardian (as appropriate and possible), the child's social worker (if any) and the treatment team shall meet to develop a discharge plan. Issues to consider in developing the plan are:

18.7.1. Remaining problems to be addressed from the initial problem list and any problems added later during the child's stay;

18.7.2. Appropriate placement for the child considering issues of safety, permanency and clinical need;

18.7.3. Recommendations for aftercare including recommended behavioral health and medical services; and

18.7.4. Any other relevant and compelling information or considerations.

§78-3-19 High-Quality Group Residential Child Care Programs for Vulnerable Children.

19.1. Staffing and Training.

19.1.1. In addition to the requirements for employee training prescribed in section 11 of this rule, all employees shall be trained on prudent parenting standards and on interacting with victims of sex trafficking;

19.1.2. The agency shall have, at a minimum, at least one staff member on-site who is authorized to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard to decisions involving the participation of the child in age or developmentally-appropriate activities;

19.1.3. The agency shall provide a nationally recognized behavioral health program for known victims of sex trafficking;

19.1.4. Children shall be cared for and supervised at the following levels:

19.1.4.a. A minimum of employee to child ratio of 1:6 shall be maintained during waking hours when children are on the grounds with a minimum of one employee present per residential living unit at all times ~~when more than one child is present~~ children in the living unit;

19.1.4.b. Additional or back-up care employees shall be available for emergency situations or to meet special needs presented by the persons in care; and

19.1.4.c. A minimum employee to child ratio of 1:12 shall be maintained during sleeping hours with a minimum, of at least one employee per residential living unit to be awake at all times when children are present in the living unit.

19.2. Service Elements.

19.2.1. The organization shall provide sex trafficking prevention programming for all children placed that shall include the following components:

19.2.1.a. Education about sex trafficking (what it is and prevalence);

19.2.1.b. Understanding one's vulnerabilities and how to protect self from traffickers;

19.2.1.c. Enhancement of existing support system (family, friends, community);

19.2.1.d. Development of support system when one does not exist;

19.2.1.e. Service linkage, as needed, for housing, homelessness prevention, educational support;

19.2.1.f. Runaway prevention programming.

19.2.2. The programming will provide opportunities for children to experience some of the same normalizing experiences as their peers not in foster care.

§78-3-20 Qualified Residential Treatment Programs.

20.1. Accreditation Requirements. A qualified residential treatment facility shall be appropriately accredited as required by federal standards.

20.2. Employee Ratios.

20.2.1. The minimum employee to child ratio for a qualified residential treatment program shall be 1-to-4 during waking hours. During nighttime sleeping hours, the ratio shall be 1-to-8. During all hours there shall be capability to increase employee ratio in response to acuity. The ratio shall meet the standard set forth in the agency's programming description.

20.2.2. The organization shall have registered or licensed nursing staff and other licensed clinical staff who provide care within the scope of their practice as defined by state law who are:

20.2.2.a. On-site according to the treatment model; and

20.2.2.b. Available 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

20.3. Employee Training and Credentials.

20.3.1. In addition to the requirements for employee training prescribed in section 11 of this rule, the organization will ensure all employees are trained on prudent parenting standards;

20.3.2. The organization shall have, at a minimum, at least one staff member on-site who is authorized to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard to decisions involving the participation of the child in age or developmentally appropriate activities;

20.4. Assessments and Plans of Care.

20.4.1. The organization shall ensure that staff participate as a member of the family and permanency team and multidisciplinary treatment team processes;

20.4.2. Staff shall participate with the family and permanency team in the development of the 30-day assessment by the qualified individual that will satisfy the initial assessment requirements as described in ~~section~~ subsection 13.2 of this rule;

20.4.3. Clinical staff shall incorporate the long and short-term goals identified by the qualified individual in the development of initial and ~~on-going~~ master plans of care as described in sections 13 and 14 of this rule; and

20.4.4. Clinical staff shall conduct any other assessments indicated by the child's medical or psychiatric, or both, needs during development of the plans of care, including the ability to self-medicate with supervision.

20.5. Treatment Services.

20.5.1. The organization shall provide the following services in addition to those described in this rule:

20.5.1.a. Individualized medically necessary services for the population of children they serve;

20.5.1.b. Family engagement activities will be conducted with the child's family during the treatment process; and

20.5.1.c. At least six months of family-based after-care services after a child's discharge.

20.6. Planning for Aftercare.

20.6.1. The family and permanency team shall begin planning for discharge during the development of the long and short-term goals.

20.6.2. At least 30 days prior to discharge the child and family permanency team shall meet to develop the plan for after-care services. Issues to consider in developing the plan are:

20.6.2.a. Remaining problems to be addressed;

20.6.2.b. Appropriate placement for the child considering issues of safety, permanency and any remaining clinical need; and

20.6.2.c. Recommendations for behavioral, medical or socially necessary services to support the needs of the child and family to prevent re-entry.

§78-3-21. Program-specific Rules for Maternity and Parenting Facilities.

21.1. Maternity Care.

Care to a pregnant or parenting adolescent or transitioning adult includes, but is not limited to:

21.1.1. Appropriate health care and health education;

21.1.2. Education needs specific to the pregnant or parenting ~~young-woman~~ youth;

21.1.3. Nutritional guidance and support;

21.1.4. Counseling services specific to making decisions and planning for his or her child;

21.1.5. Parenting educational services; and

21.1.6. Maintenance of an environment conducive to the safety of children (infant through toddler) and pregnant women.

21.2. Appropriate Health Care and Health Education.

21.2.1. The organization shall provide or arrange for health services to the expectant and parenting ~~teens~~ youth that includes:

21.2.1.a. A written health summary, including family medical history, immunizations, surgical procedures and childhood illnesses;

21.2.1.b. A general medical examination that will occur at the time of admission, and an obstetrical/gynecological examination for the pregnant ~~young-woman~~ youth within the first two weeks of admission or sooner if the ~~young-woman~~ youth is considered to be high risk;

21.2.1.c. Thorough medical supervision of the pregnancy, including all needed prenatal care; testing and post-natal care shall be done by an appropriately licensed health care professional with a specialization in women's health; and

21.2.1.d. Direct provision or referral for services to meet the needs of high-risk pregnancy or high-risk infant care-related issues.

21.2.2. Registered nursing employees with obstetrical/gynecological experience are to be available on the grounds at least ~~twelve~~ 12 hours per day, with ~~twenty-four~~ 24 hour availability onsite.

21.2.3. The pregnant or parenting ~~young-women~~ youth shall receive ongoing health education with age-appropriate instruction regarding pregnancy prevention, HIV/AIDS prevention, and general information about the prevention and treatment of disease.

21.2.4. The organization shall be located within ~~fifteen~~ 15 minutes of a hospital or birthing center that provides maternity care and labor and delivery services.

21.2.5. Standing medical orders for pregnant ~~young-women~~ youth shall be carefully evaluated and shall take into consideration cautions necessary for pregnant ~~young-women~~ youth.

21.2.6. All pregnant or parenting ~~young-women~~ youth shall have access to educational services as appropriate:

21.2.6.a. All pregnant or parenting ~~young-women~~ youth, once assessed, shall participate in some type of educational service such as GED classes, public school, or alternative education;

21.2.6.b. Child care services shall be in close proximity to the education facilities; and

21.2.6.c. Supportive services for child care shall be available to assure that the ~~young women~~ youth can have necessary study time.

21.3. Nutritional Guidance and Support.

21.3.1. All parenting and pregnant ~~young-women~~ youth will be assessed at a minimum within the first ~~thirty~~ 30 days of admission by a registered dietitian, unless dietary problems are indicated at admission.

21.3.2. Ongoing dietary support shall be encouraged through a nutritional education program and if indicated by individual instruction provided by the registered dietitian or registered nurse.

21.3.3. All pregnant and parenting ~~young-women~~ youth shall receive counseling services specific to parenting and alternative choices, on an ongoing basis.

21.3.4. The organization shall have policy and procedures related to the involvement of the putative father of the baby.

21.3.5. Supportive counseling services will be extended to the family of the young woman, the biological father (unless contra-indicated by court order) and the family of the biological father.

21.3.6. The organization shall offer an ongoing parent education program with a curriculum that comprehensively addresses at a minimum, the following topics:

21.3.6.a. Personal growth and maturity;

21.3.6.b. Interpersonal relationships;

21.3.6.c. Early childhood development;

- 21.3.6.d. Infant stimulation, cognitive development and bonding/attachment;
- 21.3.6.e. Safety and accident prevention, including First Aid and CPR;
- 21.3.6.f. Physical care, nutrition, and health of infants and young children;
- 21.3.6.g. Signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect;
- 21.3.6.h. Time, budget, and household management;
- 21.3.6.i. Community resources that provide assistance; and
- 21.3.6.j. Child care use and how to choose providers.

21.3.7. Parenting education may be offered in both a formal and informal setting using classroom instruction, small groups, and individual and experiential teaching methods, based on the needs of the ~~mother~~ youth.

21.3.8. The organization shall maintain an environment conducive to the safety of a child (infant through toddler) and a pregnant ~~woman~~ or parenting youth.

21.3.9. The facility shall contain at least one area for routine medical examination, counseling and treatment for clients. This area shall be private and in adherence with all universal precautions, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and best medical practice.

21.3.10. All living areas shall be maintained in good repair and meet the Child Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines.

21.3.11. The exposure of the pregnant teen and infant to cleaning supplies and pesticides should be limited. The organization shall be cognizant of the possible side effects of exposure and limit it accordingly.

21.4. Baby Care.

21.4.1. An organization shall provide a plan of care for babies that includes, but is not limited to the following:

- 21.4.1.a. Appropriate health care;
- 21.4.1.b. Appropriate daily care; and
- 21.4.1.c. Appropriate daily stimulation.

21.4.2. An organization shall also provide:

- 21.4.2.a. A warm and child friendly environment; and
- 21.4.2.b. Employees specifically trained to meet the needs of infants through toddlers.

21.4.3. The organization shall document that all babies receive a thorough assessment prior to leaving the hospital or at the time of admission to the organization.

21.4.4. The organization shall assure that all children receive health care according to the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program (EPSDT) standards of care.

21.4.5. The organization shall have policy and procedures to assure that the health and well-being of the child is protected once he or she leaves the hospital.

21.4.6. The organization shall have policy and procedures to assess and treat babies and children who show signs of illness that include but are not limited to diarrhea, vomiting, fever, etc.

21.4.7. If at any time the baby's mother is unable or refuses to care for her baby, the organization shall have policy and procedures to assure that appropriate interventions are used to secure the health of the child.

21.4.8. Appropriate daily care:

21.4.8.a. The organization shall ensure that all babies have the necessities to meet their basic daily needs.

21.4.8.b. The organization shall ensure the basic needs of the baby are consistently met;

21.4.8.c. All babies under twelve months of age shall have a feeding and diet plan prescribed by the physician.

21.4.9. The organization shall handle breast milk and formula in the following manner:

21.4.9.a. Prepared bottles shall be capped and clearly labeled with the child's name, contents and the date prepared;

21.4.9.b. Prepared bottles shall be refrigerated in a separate section of the refrigerator and accessible only to employees;

21.4.9.c. Breast milk shall be stored in containers specific to the purpose;

21.4.9.d. Breast milk or formula when it remains at a temperature higher than forty-one (41) degrees Fahrenheit for more than one hour shall be discarded;

21.4.9.e. Refrigerated breast milk shall be used within ~~forty-eight~~ 48 hours of receipt, frozen breast milk within two weeks of receipt and deep-frozen breast milk within three months of receipt;

21.4.9.f. Formula bottles shall be used within time frames established by the manufacturer and listed on the package; and

21.4.9.g. A microwave oven is not permitted for the heating of breast milk or formula bottles.

21.4.10. Solid food, including cereals are not to be placed in a bottle unless prescribed by a physician.

21.4.11. Jar baby food is to be served from a bowl and not from the jar.

21.4.12. Until a baby is able to hold a bottle securely, a baby and the bottle shall be held while the baby is being fed. At no time is the bottle to be propped.

21.4.13. All babies shall receive daily stimulation to encourage the emotional, physical and intellectual development of the child. This includes:

21.4.13.a. Holding, rocking, and playing whenever possible, including while bathing, dressing and carrying the child;

21.4.13.b. Encouraging positive communications and language development by making eye-to-eye contact with the child, singing, talking, reacting to the child's sounds, naming objectives, reading stories and playing musical games;

21.4.13.c. Paying attention to crying and meeting the immediate needs of the child;

21.4.13.d. Ensuring that no child is routinely left in a crib or playpen, except for sleep or rest; and

21.4.13.e. Providing a child who is awake with play equipment and opportunities to play freely on a clean floor.

21.4.14. The organization shall ensure that all products containing potentially hazardous chemicals, including identified poisons, medications, certain cleaning supplies, and art supplies not clearly labeled as "nontoxic", are inaccessible to all children in a locked cabinet away from food, and when possible, stored in their original containers and never in containers originally designed for food.

21.4.15. The organization shall ensure that all electrical outlets within the reach of a child when not in use are protected by a cover.

21.4.16. The organization shall ensure that when an electrical appliance is used, an adult is present at all times to supervise the use of the appliance.

21.4.17. The organization shall provide a shield to protect a child from hot pipes or radiators and shall not use unvented fuel fire heaters.

21.4.18. The organization shall ensure that barriers and gates are appropriately used.

21.4.18.a. All temporary walls or items being used as physical barriers shall be firmly anchored so that they pose no threat to the safety of the child.

21.4.18.b. Stairways to which the child has access shall have appropriate railing and safety gates or other barriers at the top and at the bottom.

21.4.19. The organization shall ensure that strings, cords and hanging items are of no threat to the children.

21.4.19.a. The drawstring on clothing such as on hoods or collars shall be removed or secured to prevent potential risk to the child.

21.4.19.b. Pacifiers attached to a string or ribbon that is 6 inches or more in length shall not be placed around a child's neck or affixed to the child's clothing; and

21.4.19.c. No child is to have access to a string or cord that is 6 inches or more in length and attached to a fixed object, such as a window shade, nor access to any other potentially dangerous hanging item, such as a tablecloth.

21.4.20. The organization shall ensure that there is an outdoor play area appropriate and safe for young children.

21.4.21. The organization shall ensure the safety of the child during transportation. The driver or qualified employee shall ensure that each child three years of age and under is secured in an approved child safety seat.

21.4.22. The organization shall ensure that the overall environment of the children's area of the facility is clean, pleasant in appearance, well-lighted and conducive to the development of children.

21.5. Employee Training.

21.5.1. The organization shall ensure that all employees are specifically trained to meet the needs of the very young child.

21.5.2. All employees shall be trained within the first ~~thirty~~ 30 days of employment on basic infant care. Prior to completion of the training, the new employees shall be scheduled to work only with fully trained employees.

21.5.3. At a minimum, all employees shall be trained in:

21.5.3.a. Child development;

21.5.3.b. Infant CPR and first aid;

21.5.3.c. Basic child care;

21.5.3.d. Sick baby care; and

21.5.3.e. Parenting skills.

21.6. Children shall be cared for and supervised at the following levels:

21.6.1. A minimum of employee to child ratio of 1:6 shall be maintained during waking hours when children are on the grounds with a minimum of one employee present per residential living unit at all times when more than one child is present in the living unit;

21.6.2. Additional or back-up care employees shall be available for emergency situations or to meet special needs presented by the persons in care; and

21.6.3. A minimum employee to child ratio of 1:12 shall be maintained during sleeping hours with a minimum, of at least one employee per residential living unit to be awake at all times when children are present in the living unit.

§78-3-22. Outdoor Therapeutic Educational Programs.

22.1. Employee Ratios.

22.1.1. Employee ratios to children shall be appropriate for the activity in which the group is engaged.

22.1.2. Employee ratios for high risk activities shall be a minimum of four employees to ten children. (4:10).

22.1.3. The employee-to-child ratio for away from main camp on low risk activities shall be a minimum of 3-to-10.

22.1.4. In main camp, the employee ratio shall be a minimum of two employees to ten children (2:10).

22.1.5. Employee ratios for groups away from camp may be adjusted downward for smaller groups; however, safety and the adequacy of supervision shall be a paramount concern.

22.1.6. At night:

22.1.6.a. Under normal weather conditions, each gender shall sleep separately with one counselor assigned to each sex. In cases of extreme weather, sexes may be in the same building or structure but the employees on duty shall functionally separate them;

22.1.6.b. There shall be a minimum of one employee per sleeping group. That employee may be sleeping when the group is in the main camp or in the field. When the group is in the main camp, at least one employee shall be awake and monitoring children at all times. The organization shall have a policy regarding employee ratios to ensure the safety and security of children at night when away from the main camp.

22.2. Credentials of Employees.

22.2.1. Direct care employees shall have a minimum of a high school diploma or GED and skills, certifications and abilities unique to the environment, such as residential child care experience, search and rescue certification, wilderness survival skills, camping skills, etc. Direct care employees shall be responsible for group supervision and monitoring on a day to day basis, including teaching basic living skills, role modeling effective individual and group problem-solving skills and anger management, and completing daily documentation as required.

~~22.2.2. Counselors shall have a minimum of an undergraduate degree in a human services field and shall work under the direct supervision of an appropriately licensed or certified behavioral health professional. Counselors shall be responsible for supportive counseling of children, teaching and modeling appropriate problem-solving and anger management skills, teaching and modeling appropriate interpersonal skills and positive role modeling. Individuals providing this counseling service must have a bachelor's degree in a human services field or a high school diploma or GED with two years documented experience in mental health or substance abuse services. Staff must be properly supervised according to the Bureau for Medical Service's policy on clinical supervision. The service may be provided in a variety of settings by appropriately designated, trained, and supervised staff.~~

Rule should be struck because it is regulated by BMS. The above criteria does not match what is currently outlined for this service:

- Staff possessing a High School Diploma/Equivalent

Initial certification training overseen by a licensed master's level clinician (some training such as away from supervision, TCI are certification specific and do not require the licensed master's level clinician to actually instruct). This shall include pre-test and post-test with vignettes. If pre-test is not successful, the staff must go through the training process until successful which will allow them to proceed into the 90-day training certification process. Upon successful completion of pre-test, weekly observation by a trained degreed supervisor shall occur during the 90 days with documentation provided to the master's level clinician including additional follow up and guidance through clinical supervision.

Upon the completion of the 90-day training process a post-test shall occur using vignettes and an event of direct observation by the master's level clinician to be certified for Supportive Individual/Group Counseling.

A Supportive Counselor candidate unable to pass the post-test and/or not meeting the training supervisor's expectations will retrain in the areas of deficiency during an additional 30-day period. If they still can not pass the post-test or meet the training supervisor's expectation during this extended 30-day period they would have to repeat the entire certification process at a juncture when they are deemed competent and ready to repeat the certification process before they could be certified as a Supportive Counselor.

- Staff possessing a bachelor's Degree in any field from an accredited higher education institution

During orientation, these staff shall receive the standardized Supportive Counseling training curriculum by the master's level clinician and must test out successfully at the end of orientation using vignettes to be certified to provide Supportive Individual/Group Counseling. Certification shall be maintained through the clinical supervision process.

A Supportive Counselor candidate unable to pass the post-test and/or not meeting the training supervisor's expectations will retrain in the areas of deficiency during an additional 30-day period. If they still cannot pass the post-test or meet the training supervisor's expectation during this extended 30-day period they would have to repeat the entire certification process at a juncture when they are deemed competent and ready to repeat the certification process before they could be certified as a Supportive Counselor.

22.2.3. Teachers certified to teach by the state of West Virginia shall be responsible for the oversight and supervision of the educational program of the organization. The organization shall have at least one teacher.

22.3. Employee Training.

22.3.1. All employees responsible for the direct care of children shall be trained in the following areas in addition to those cited in ~~subsection~~ section 11 of this rule:

- 22.3.1.a. Water procurement, preparation and conservation;
- 22.3.1.b. Shelter construction;
- 22.3.1.c. Food preparation and storage in the field;
- 22.3.1.d. Fire site preparation and fire building;
- 22.3.1.e. Low-impact wilderness expedition and environmental conservation skills and procedures;
- 22.3.1.f. Sanitation procedures related to food, water and waste;
- 22.3.1.g. Management of health issues unique to the outdoor therapeutic educational program environment including acclimation to the environment and environmental elements;
- 22.3.1.h. Basic training in rescue and water safety for those employees responsible for water activities. A minimum of one adult so trained shall be present at all times at all water activities;
- 22.3.1.i. Navigation skills including map and compass use and contour navigation;
- 22.3.1.j. Local environmental precautions including sensitivity to terrain, weather, insects, poisonous plants, wildlife and the proper response to adverse situations involving any of these factors; and
- 22.3.1.k. Management of the health and safety of the group in severe weather conditions including a possible evacuation plan.

22.3.2. All new employees shall be accompanied at all times by experienced employees during the first month of employment in the field and until all required trainings have been completed, whichever is later.

22.4. Service Elements.

22.4.1. The organization shall have an on grounds educational program that is of sufficient quality to allow students to transfer educational credits to their County of origin. A teacher certified to teach in the state of West Virginia shall be coordinating and providing oversight to the educational program. Whenever possible, the educational program shall be accredited by an appropriate educational accreditation body.

22.4.2. The organization shall have complete policies and procedures to guarantee child safety in any off grounds activity, including but not limited to:

- 22.4.2.a. Backpacking;
- 22.4.2.b. Hiking;

22.4.2.c. Tent building and other construction;

22.4.2.d. Ropes courses;

22.4.2.e. Van trips;

22.4.2.f. Off property outings;

22.4.2.g. Canoe trips or white water rafting;

22.4.2.h. Swimming or wading;

22.4.2.i. Mountain biking;

22.4.2.j. Skiing;

22.4.2.k. Soloing; and

22.4.2.l. Rock climbing.

22.4.3. The policy shall discuss the following:

22.4.3.a. Employee to child ratios for the activity;

22.4.3.b. Employee training and certification prerequisites for participation.

22.4.3.c. Child training prerequisites for participation, including safety training;

22.4.3.d. Special equipment or provisions required for the activity including safety equipment such as life jackets, safety ropes, helmets, etc., and food, water, etc. as necessary and appropriate;

22.4.3.e. Evacuation plans if they should become necessary during an activity;

22.4.3.f. Safety plans unique to the activity (e.g., backpacking weights, rope safety and monitoring, etc.); and

22.4.3.g. The documentation necessary for the activity.

22.4.4. All policies and procedures shall be in conformity with nationally accepted standards for the activity, if they are available. If employee certification or training is available in the activity, at least one employee present during the activity shall be trained or certified. During water activities, at least one employee shall be fully certified in water safety and lifesaving.

22.4.5. If the organization contracts with an independent provider to guide or supervise the activities, the contractor shall be appropriately certified if a certification is available.

22.4.6. General safety considerations:

22.4.6.a. Personal gear supplied to children shall be appropriate in size, amount and protectiveness for the child and the expected weather;

22.4.6.b. No child shall be expected to pack more than 30percent of his or her body weight at any time and special health considerations shall be taken into account if they are necessary;

22.4.6.c. Adequate food and water shall be available to employees and children at all times in all activities;

22.4.6.d. Equipment shall be regularly inspected as a matter of policy by the safety committee or its designee for signs of wear or damage and the inspections shall be documented and monitored;

22.4.6.e. Prior to any water activity, the swimming ability of all children and employees shall be evaluated and documented by an appropriately trained employee person. The organization shall document that adequate arrangements for protection of non-swimmers have been made on each activity;

22.4.6.f. Soloing activities shall only be conducted with the written consent of a licensed mental health clinician who has personally evaluated the child within ~~twenty-four~~ 24 hours prior to the onset of the solo activity. At all times, employees shall be in earshot of a distress call if it is necessary and shall conduct random face to face checks of the status and condition of the child on intervals not to exceed six hours; and

22.4.6.g. The organization shall have a policy to ensure safety and security of children who are acutely disturbed or suicidal, or both.

22.5. Abrogation of Client Rights.

While items of clothing may not be withheld as a punishment, children may be prevented from access to certain items of clothing (such as belts) as a safety measure. The criterion shall be whether the potential safety created by the restriction outweighs the harm of the restriction. The organization shall have a written policy regarding restriction of access to articles of clothing, approved by the governing body.

22.6. Environmental Issues.

22.6.1. The environment of an outdoor therapeutic educational program is by definition limited in its handicapped accessibility. The organization shall have an admissions policy that clearly describes its degree of accessibility to clients with physical handicaps. The organization shall make a reasonable effort to enable family members with physical handicaps to access children, family therapy interventions and program sites.

22.6.2. Outdoor therapeutic education facilities are generally considered to be inappropriate for serving children with serious physical handicaps; however, the organization is responsible for finding a method of incorporating family members with physical handicaps to a maximum degree into the therapeutic process.

22.6.3. The organization shall have policies pertaining to the following with reference to any activities conducted away from the main campus or building:

- 22.6.3.a. Unique adaptations to dietary requirements as appropriate;
- 22.6.3.b. Sanitation and infection control;
- 22.6.3.c. Waste management;
- 22.6.3.d. Food storage and handling;
- 22.6.3.e. Maintenance of safe body temperature;
- 22.6.3.f. Clothing and footwear;
- 22.6.3.g. Field equipment;
- 22.6.3.h. Communication with the main campus or management on an on-going and emergency basis;
- 22.6.3.i. Medication storage and security away from camp;
- 22.6.3.j. Disaster and severe weather plan including procedures for evacuation; and
- 22.6.3.k. Procedures to follow for runaways and elopements.

§78-3-23. Intermediate Care Facilities for the Intellectually Disabled or Developmentally Disabled.

23.1. Compliance.

Intermediate care facilities for children with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities shall comply with the federal Conditions of Participation (42 C.F.R. § 440.150 *et seq.* and § 483.410 through 483.480) except where state licensing standards are more stringent and apply.

23.2. An intermediate care facility for the intellectually disabled or developmentally disabled may accept a 17-year old into an adult group home under the following conditions:

23.2.1. The average age, developmental levels and social needs of the adult residents in the home is approximately that of the child unless the prospective child and the other adult residents of the home have developmental disabilities that are severe or profound or the adult residents are non-ambulatory, nonverbal or have multiple physical handicaps;

23.2.2. The home has arranged educational programming for the child that is as normative as possible;

23.2.3. The child has a reasonable ability to participate in age-appropriate community activities;

23.2.4. The placement is developmentally consistent with other adult residents of the home; and

23.2.5. None of the adult residents of the home have a history of sexual predation.

23.3. Restrictive behavior management techniques shall conform to federal guidelines for intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled or developmentally disabled.

§78-3-24. Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility.

24.1 Compliance.

A psychiatric residential treatment facility for persons under 21 is a freestanding or physically distinct part of a psychiatric inpatient organization that provides services and treatment to children who do not need acute care but require intensive and coordinated services in a residential setting in a manner consistent with federal requirements. A psychiatric residential treatment facility provides a continually, medically supervised interdisciplinary program of behavioral health treatment.

24.2. Accreditation Requirements.

A psychiatric residential treatment facility shall be appropriately accredited as required by federal standards. Where differing accreditation, certification or licensing standards exist, the more stringent standard applies.

24.3. Employee Ratios.

24.3.1. The average employee-to-patient ratio for a psychiatric residential treatment facility shall be 1-to-3 during day and evening hours (one employee whose primary responsibility is providing direct care for every three children during the day and evening). During nighttime sleeping hours, the ratio shall be 1-to-6. During all hours there shall be capability to increase employee-to-patient ratio in response to acuity, extending to the provision of one-to-one care when necessary. Employees assigned to work a defined unit and providing care to the children on that unit including nursing, teachers, and activity's therapists may be included in the employee to client ratio. Employees assigned to supervisory duties or whose duties cause them to be away from the unit (nursing supervisor) may not be included in the count.

24.3.2. The nursing coverage shall include a registered nurse during day and evening shifts with, at minimum, a licensed, practical nurse overnight.

24.3.3. There shall be a supervisor present on all shifts and employees shall have access to other administrative employees at all times.

24.4. Employee Training and Credentials.

24.4.1. All direct care employees shall have a minimum of a high school diploma or GED and professional employees shall have appropriate education and certification consistent with professional licensing standards.

24.4.2. In addition to the requirements for employee training prescribed in section 11 of this rule, direct care employees shall receive refresher training in emergency safety interventions twice a year that shall include both didactic and experiential activities.

24.5. Treatment Services.

The residential treatment facility shall provide the following clinical services:

24.5.1. A physician shall be available ~~twenty-four~~ 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond to medical and psychiatric emergencies;

24.5.2. A physician licensed in the State of West Virginia and board certified in psychiatry shall perform observation and assessment at least weekly; and

24.5.3. Routine assessments shall be performed by the physician to effectively coordinate all treatment, manage medication trials or adjustments, or both, minimize serious side effects, and provide medical management of all psychiatric and medical problems.

24.6. Assessments.

24.6.1. A comprehensive assessment process shall include evaluation of:

24.6.1.a. Psychiatric health;

24.6.1.b. Physical health;

24.6.1.c. Ability to self-medicate with supervision;

24.6.1.d. Psychosocial history;

24.6.1.e. Recreational activities;

24.6.1.f. Spiritual and cultural preferences and interests;

24.6.1.g. Behavioral and adaptive living skills, both strengths and deficits; and

24.6.1.h. Educational functioning.

24.6.2. An additional diagnostic assessment shall be provided as needed, either onsite or by using community providers.

24.6.3. All required clinical assessments shall be completed prior to the development of the plan of care. Assessments conducted within ~~thirty~~ 30 days prior to admission by qualified professionals may be used if reviewed and approved for treatment planning by the responsible psychiatrist and Interdisciplinary Treatment Team.

24.6.4. A psychiatric evaluation shall be completed within ~~twenty-four~~ 24 hours of admission and shall include:

24.6.4.a. The reason for admission;

24.6.4.b. The current clinical presentation;

24.6.4.c. Psychosocial stressors related to the recent illness;

- 24.6.4.d. A current or potential risk to self or others;
- 24.6.4.e. A history of the present illness;
- 24.6.4.f. A past psychiatric history;
- 24.6.4.g. A developmental assessment;
- 24.6.4.h. The presence or absence of physical disorders or conditions affecting the presenting problem;
- 24.6.4.i. An alcohol or drug history; and
- 24.6.4.j. A mental status examination.

24.6.5. A diagnosis on all five axes shall be given, based on the current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).

24.6.6. A physical health examination shall be provided within 24 hours of admission.

24.6.7. A Registered Nurse practitioner shall provide a health assessment within 24 hours of admission. The assessment shall document:

- 24.6.7.a. A general history of the patient's and family's health;
- 24.6.7.b. The patient's current medications;
- 24.6.7.c. Allergies;
- 24.6.7.d. Pertinent medical problems requiring nursing attention;
- 24.6.7.e. Current risk and safety factors;
- 24.6.7.f. Nutritional status;
- 24.6.7.g. Immunization status; and
- 24.6.7.h. Sleep patterns.

24.7. Plan of Care.

24.7.1. A preliminary plan of care shall be developed within ~~seventy-two~~ 72 hours of admission.

24.7.2. The interdisciplinary team shall have ~~thirty~~ 30 days to complete all assessments while providing any immediately necessary psychiatric and therapeutic treatment. Prior to the end of the ~~thirty~~ 30-day period or when all initial assessments are completed, whichever comes first, the team shall complete a plan of care.

24.7.3. The plan of care shall be reviewed by the interdisciplinary team for effectiveness and

shall be revised when major changes in treatment occur, or at least every ~~thirty~~ 30 days.

24.8. Transfer Agreement.

The organization shall have a written transfer agreement with one or more hospitals that ensures that an individual can be transferred to an appropriate setting in a timely manner when transfer is necessary for more intensive psychiatric care or for emergency or specialized medical care.

24.9. Transitioning Adults.

The psychiatric residential treatment facility may serve individuals aged 18 to 21 so long as the transitioning adult is court ordered, voluntary or committed under the requirements of Chapter 27 of the West Virginia Code.

24.10. Restrictive Behavior Management.

Restrictive Behavior Management techniques shall conform to all federal guidelines for psychiatric residential treatment facilities.

§78-3-25. Therapeutic Residential School.

25.1. Employee Ratios and Training.

25.1.1. Employees, for the purposes of this section, is defined as those individuals who are:

25.1.1.a. Fully oriented and trained according to organizational policy; and

25.1.1.b. Have job responsibilities that pertain only to the provision of child care, treatment and supervision.

25.1.2. The therapeutic residential school shall have a policy regarding care and supervision of children that ensures that:

25.1.2.a. Children receive adequate supervision for their age, developmental functioning and emotional and behavioral needs; and

25.1.2.b. The care plan as developed by the interdisciplinary team is implemented as written for each child.

25.1.3. Children shall be cared for and supervised at the following levels, with clinically justified modifications when house parents are employed:

25.1.3.a. A minimum employee to child ratio of ~~1:10~~ 1:6 during the waking hours when children are on the grounds ~~with a minimum of one employee present per residential living unit at all times;~~

25.1.3.b. The availability of additional or back-up care employees for emergency situations or to meet special needs presented by the child; and

25.1.3.c. An employee to child ratio of 1:12 during sleeping hours with a minimum of at least one employee per residential living unit to be awake at all times.

25.1.4. The organization shall have a policy regarding supervision of children in off-grounds activities that shall ensure that children are adequately supervised at all times.

25.1.5. As appropriate to the ages and needs of children in care, the organization shall ensure that one or more trained professional employees are on duty or available via an on-call system on a 24-hour basis to provide continuous supervision to each residential living unit within a residential program.

25.1.6. The organization that uses a house parent model shall have a policy that ensures the safety and supervision of children at night.

25.2. Environmental Issues.

25.2.1. To the maximum extent possible, the organization providing therapeutic residential school services shall be non-institutional in appearance and practices. Each child or transitioning adult shall be permitted to have personal space, personal possessions and a place to store those possessions unless clinically contraindicated. Each child is expected to assume some responsibility for an aspect of facility maintenance (cleaning, cooking, etc.) on an ongoing basis.

25.2.2. Group therapeutic and residential living activities should be conducted in an appropriately sized group format, taking into consideration best practice standards for the sex, developmental status and diagnosis of the children.

25.2.3. Children shall have clearly identifiable schedules and activities, individualized for their strengths and needs. Each child shall have a unique schedule that identifies therapy times, chore or work assignments, school hours, and other activities.

25.2.4. Employees shall be available in sufficient quantity and with appropriate credentials to address the needs of the child as identified by the assessment and interdisciplinary team process.

25.2.5. The residential therapeutic school that permits pets shall follow written procedures that address their availability, care, feeding, and maintenance that includes at a minimum, a veterinary evaluation and vaccinations as recommended by the veterinarian in writing.

25.2.6. Service elements unique to the population:

25.2.6.a. If the organization permits children to operate vehicles while in placement, it shall do so under the following conditions:

25.2.6.a.1. The child has a valid West Virginia driver's license or permit;

25.2.6.a.2. The child's vehicle, if any, is appropriately licensed and insured; and

25.2.6.a.3. The child receives permission in writing from his or her parent or guardian, as appropriate.

25.2.6.b. The organization shall have a written plan of basic daily routines that shall be

available to all employees and updated regularly.

25.2.6.b.1. Children shall participate in planning daily routines.

25.2.6.b.2. Children shall have set routines for waking and going to bed.

25.2.6.c. The organization shall encourage and arrange for children to participate in community, school functions and recreational activities on an individual basis.

§78-3-26. Vulnerable and Transitioning Youth Group Homes and Programs without Behavioral Health Treatment.

26.1. Vulnerable and transitioning youth group homes and programs shall be exempt from the following sections under this licensing rule subdivision 12.9.4. (Interior Space Minimum Requirement for Youth Transitioning Private Living Spaces), subdivision 12.9.16.d. (Kitchen Sinks Requirement for Youth Transitioning Private Living Spaces), subsection 13.2. (Initial Assessment), subsection 13.3. (Initial Plan of Care), subsection 13.4. (Plan of Care), subsection 13.5. (Review of Plan of Care), subsection 14.14. (Daily Schedules), and subsection 14.16. (Special Services and Populations).

26.2. Vulnerable and transitioning youth group homes and programs shall also be exempt from the requirements in these section and subsections as they relate to the plan of care: subsection 14.2. (Involvement of Families and Guardians), subsection 14.3. (Behavioral and Therapeutic Interventions), subsection 14.5. (Medication Control and Administration), subsection 14.7. (Case Records), subsection 14.9. (Termination and Discharge), subsection 14.10. (Education Service), and section 15. (Restrictive Behavioral Interventions).

26.3 Vulnerable and transitioning youth group homes and programs shall develop the following programs, procedures or policies, or both, and make them available to employees and residents:

26.3.1. The information and documentation required under this licensing rule;

26.3.2. Practices developed by the organization based upon departmental requirements;

26.3.3. Programming that provides for youth to move between tiers as needed.

26.3.4. Programming that utilizes the following guiding principles:

26.3.4.a. Continued flexibility, innovation, and targeted and tailored services;

26.3.4.b. Positive youth development;

26.3.4.c. Adolescent brain development;

26.3.4.d. Peer-to-peer relationships and role of adults; and,

26.3.4.e. Transparency.

26.3.5. A complete and detailed description of the range of services offered and eligibility requirements for admission;

- 26.3.6. Description of life skills services that the program provides to youth;
- 26.3.7. Age requirements for youth with a minimum of age 15 and a maximum of age 21;
- 26.3.8. Specific service training to employees providing transitional living services prior to their direct work with youth, including the following:
 - 26.3.8.a. Life skills assessment;
 - 26.3.8.b. Transition plan or futures plan development;
 - 26.3.8.c. Crisis response
 - 26.3.8.d. Advocacy to include training and knowledge of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
 - 26.3.8.e. Mentoring;
 - 26.3.8.f. Linkage and referral; and
 - 26.3.8.g. Adolescent brain development.
- 26.3.9. Programming to provide sex trafficking prevention programming that shall include:
 - 26.3.9.a. Education about sex trafficking including what it is and the prevalence of it;
 - 26.3.9.b. Education about understanding one's vulnerabilities and how to protect self from traffickers;
 - 26.3.9.c. Education about how to enhance the youth's existing support system of family, friends, and community;
 - 26.3.9.d. Education about services for housing, homelessness prevention, and educational support; and
 - 26.3.9.e. Education to prevent running away.
- 26.3.10. Description of the supervision ratio that is adequate to ensure safety and is appropriate for the youth's age and individual needs;
- 26.3.11. Additional support services as required for youth as indicated in the youth's transition plan and the program tier the youth is enrolled;
- 26.3.12. Initial assessment of a youth's life skills within 30 days of placement and an assessment of the youth's progress in acquiring basic living skills at a minimum of once every six months;
- 26.3.13. Transition plans that addresses each life domain developed within 60 days of placement and reviewed every 90 days;

26.3.14. Assessment of a youth's health and medical needs and ensures that any youth receives appropriate health screening and services, including medical and dental screening and services;

26.3.15. Training for youth on living wills, credit reports, health care surrogate, and reproductive health;

26.3.16. Procedures to ensure emergency services to youth while in transitional living that include:

26.3.16.a. Access to emergency services by the organization 24 hours a day, seven days a week;

26.3.16.b. A plan developed by the organization for emergency medical care and emergency evacuation;

26.3.16.c. Training by the organization upon placement on how to use the organization's emergency telephone answering system; and

26.3.16.d. An agency employee designated to respond in person to the youth, within an appropriate time frame for the youth's age and development, of the youth's call for assistance.

26.3.17. The determination of the appropriateness for living arrangements used for offsite transitional living that includes provisions that ensure:

26.3.17.a. Assistance provided for the youth to find a safe, affordable living arrangement;

26.3.17.b. Assessment that a dwelling complies with the State Fire Code and applicable health, zoning and building codes;

26.3.17.c. Assessment that a dwelling has indoor cooking and bathing facilities.

26.3.18. A process for developing appropriate aftercare or discharge plans for youth that contains a detailed description of the education, counseling and treatment that the child received at the out-of-home placement and it shall also propose a plan for education, counseling and treatment for the child upon the child's discharge. The plan shall also contain a description of any problems the child has, including the source of those problems, and it shall propose a manner for addressing those problems upon discharge. The aftercare or discharge plan will be incorporated into the youth transition plan.

26.3.19 A description of the grievance procedure for expressing and resolving complaints or concerns;

26.3.20. Daily schedules for youth for the following, but is not limited to: free time, community service, job preparation, education, driver's education, or basic living skills development;

26.3.21. The process on serving youth with developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities shall ensure that employees are trained to properly provide habilitation services and supervision in the following areas as appropriate for the population served:

26.3.21.a. Feeding;

26.3.21.b. Communication with nonverbal individuals;

26.3.21.c. Use of community recreation options;

26.3.21.d. Management of self-abusive and aggressive behavior;

26.3.21.e. Adaptive living skills;

26.3.21.f. Person first language and attitudes;

26.3.21.g. Therapeutic behavioral supports; and

26.3.21.h. Implementation of normalcy.

26.3.22. The process for serving individuals with developmental disabilities with supportive services to help them fully interact with the community and achieve maximum independence.

26.4. A youth's case record shall contain:

26.4.1. Written permission from a guardian to be exempted from any medication administration regulation as outlined in the youth's transition plan and how it will assist the goal of independence, for youth under the age of 18;

26.4.2. Written permission from his or her parents or guardian for a youth under the age of 18 years to enter a scattered site transitional living arrangement;

26.4.3. A written service agreement with a youth entering a transitional living arrangement, and an alternate placement plan for a youth who is unsuccessful in an independent living arrangement;

26.4.4. A written assessment by an agency of a youth life skills prior to placing him or her in a transitional living arrangement or a life skills assessment completed within 30 days of admission;

26.4.5. Development or revision of a youth's transition plan within 60 days of admission, with follow-up reviews of the transition plan every 90 days; and

26.4.6. A monthly budget for each youth that outlines income, savings, and expenditures.

~~§78-3-26. Residential Programs Serving Transitioning Youth and Transitioning Adults~~

~~26.1. Agencies serving transitioning youth and transitioning adults shall develop an operating manual, made available to employees and residents, that includes:~~

~~26.1.1. Policies and provisions developed by the organization based upon Departmental requirements.~~

~~26.1.2. A complete and detailed description of the range of services offered and eligibility requirements for admission; and~~

~~26.1.3. Age requirements for transitioning youth and transitioning adults with a minimum of age 16 and a maximum of age 21.~~

~~26.2. A transitioning youth's case record shall contain:~~

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~~26.2.1. Written permission from a guardian to be exempted from any Medication Administration Regulation as outlined in the transitioning youth's plan of care and how it will assist the goal of independence;~~

~~26.2.2. A written assessment that documents the transitioning youth's or transitioning adult's educational, vocational, physical health, mental health and social needs;~~

~~26.2.3. A plan of care outlining the transitioning youth's or transitioning adult's specific needs and strategies for obtaining educational, vocational, physical health care, mental health and social needs in the community; and~~

~~26.2.4. Youth specific requirements for employee supervision if less than 24 hours per day, seven days per week.~~